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3 IDF bases in areas to be 'partly vacated'

PA also denounced the move. Council spokesman Nabil Abu Ruzayneh said the move "does not go far enough."

Settlement leaders and Peace Now reacted predictably, with the settlement leaders blasting the move, and Peace Now praising it.

"What else needs to be written on the wall," said Elkana Local Council head Nissim Slomiansky, one of the leaders of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza. "In a meeting we had with Rabin on Sunday, he said the Palestinian Authority is not providing the conditions, is not stopping terror. Yet he continues to move ahead with unilateral concessions."

Slomiansky said that even if new recruits in the training bases are replaced by soldiers removed from other bases, the net result will be there will be fewer soldiers in the territories. The fewer the soldiers, he said, the more freedom the terrorists will have to act, endangering both settlers and Israelis inside the Green Line.

The council issued a statement saying that the decision "indicates the beginning of the withdrawal of the IDF from Judea and Gaza, despite the terrorism that is taking place."

"This decision will lead to the 'Ga'zification' of Judea and Samaria and to an increase in terror in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, and in the little Israel," it said.

Council spokesman Aharon Domb said that among the plans considered to fight the move is for settlers to move to any base where soldiers are withdrawn, and to continue traveling in Palestinian populated areas.

"There will be those who say we are taking the law into our hands," Domb said. "But we must continue to be able to move everywhere, and be everywhere because when we are there, this means the IDF is there, and there will be more security."

Peace Now, on the other hand, warmly welcomed Rabin's announcement. "Peace Now welcomes the prime minister's announcement that a decision was made to uproot three training bases in the West Bank," it said in a statement.

"Peace Now expects that the evacuation of the bases will be completed by the July 1, in order to make it possible to comply with the schedule that was agreed upon by both sides during negotiations. The evacuation of the bases is the first positive sign of the deployment of the IDF, which is necessary to make possible the elections in the territories and the furthering of the entire process," said Collins and Herb Keinson, who contributed to this report.

BATSHEVA TSUR

FIFTY years after the victory over Nazi Germany and the liberation of the death camps, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin last night thanked the Allied forces in the name of the Jewish people.

"Speaking at the state ceremony ushering in Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day, Rav Vashem in Jerusalem, Rabin said, however, that the Allied victory would always be overshadowed by the Holocaust.

The ceremony was opened by President Ezer Weizman, who also referred to the significance of the 50th anniversary of the liberation.

When V-E Day is marked next week in Europe, he said, "with great attendance of the Israeli president as symbol of Israel's sovereignty... the Jewish people will proudly, loudly and clear: 'I shall not die but shall live.'"

Weizman declared:

"But in the plaza beside the Yarsasav Ghetto memorial, an ever-filled silence enveloped the overflow crowd of survivors and their families, as well as diplomats, dignitaries, Israelis and tourists from all walks of life as the national flag was lowered to half-mast.

Standing next to the flame that was lit by Rav Vashem advisory board head Yosef Burg, the prime minister's voice rang out in the dark: "In the name of the Jewish people - the best of whose sons and daughters went to their deaths facing the 'walls of death' and in the gas chambers; on behalf of the ghetto fighters, who pulled the trigger until they could no longer; on behalf of the survivors of the Holocaust, and on behalf of their sons and daughters,

too difficult to bear, as six survivors repeated their horrific stories against the background of the familiar Holocaust Remembrance Day melodies.

"Sorry, I just can't tell you about my feelings," said a Holocaust survivor, who left Poland as a child.

As the six representatives kindled the flames of the torches representing the Six Million, a handful of elderly survivors fainted, and were treated by paramedics from a Nahal unit. No one was reported in serious condition.

But 50 years after, it was clear, too, that even while the number of survivors was dwindling, the number of youths interested in the Holocaust was increasing. Hundreds of Jerusalem youngsters packed the stairs around the plaza, and many sat on the ground along the Avenue of the Righteous where they could hear but not see.

"It's so touching. This is what Israel is all about," said Debora Kahane, 20, a New York-born student at Hebrew University.

Effi Lavie, 14, of Jerusalem's Ramot neighborhood, said he was not sorry the councillor at his school had suggested he come. "I can't see anything, but I can feel the atmosphere," he said from behind a large throne, whose sole view was of a tv cameraman on a giant crane.

Limat adds:

More than 1,500 people took part in a central memorial ceremony at the Kosmos Hotel in Moscow last night. It was attended by Israel's ambassador to Moscow, Azila Shenhar, and representatives of the Jewish Agency and Jewish veterans. The

ters, I wish today to give thanks to the Allied nations and their armies which - even having tarried too long - brought about the day of redemption.

"Fifty years have passed since one-third of our people were incinerated in the crematoria, since the day that the Allies trampled the human beasts - the remnants of the army of Nazi Germany," he said. "Fifty years have passed since we opened the doors of Hell and exposed the great tragedy of the Jewish people.

"Today, together with the entire free world, we mark V-E Day - and we are not joyful. We take special note of the war waged by the Allied armies, in whose ranks 1,500,000 Jews served. We offer thanks to the representatives of the small Jewish community in Eretz Israel who served in the British army. But we have not joined, and will not join, in the celebrating. The Holocaust which befell the Jewish people was greater than we could bear."

Earlier, Weizman referred to the rise of neo-Nazism in Europe, 50 years later.

"To our regret, we are again witnessing today the continuation of neo-Nazi and neo-fascist movements," he said. "Whether it is a question of bands of hoodlums, or established political parties that in certain countries have taken a large slice of the vote, the danger is always the same.

"The State of Israel has spearheaded the war against those following in the Nazis' footsteps," Weizman urged.

For some in the silent crowd, the emotion and memories were

ment' is a signal to Arafat

WHILE politicians and the press frequently use the term "redevelopment" to describe the partial withdrawal and realignment of IDF forces outside Palestinian population centers as a prerequisite to elections, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin makes it a point to employ the term "predevelopment." This is not merely a semantic difference, but a political statement. Rabin is moving, as he typically does, slowly and somewhat hesitantly. He explains that "predevelopment" insinuates a permanent presence in a given area, would inevitably delineate the contours of a sovereign Palestinian polity.

zed by terror attacks, and Arafat's pledge to combat Hamas and Islamic Jihad is still being tested.

Rabin, who pledged to continue the process despite recurrent terror attacks, has kept his word. Whether the process is a peace process, a separation process, or a doomed-to-fail process is a matter of opinion.

Rabin, it seems, is still giving it a chance.

AT 10 o'clock this morning a siren will sound throughout the country for two minutes in memory of the six million Jews who died in the Holocaust.

Immediately after the siren, a ceremony commemorating the Warsaw Ghetto uprising and its leaders will begin at Yad Vashem. The president, prime minister, Knesset speaker, Supreme Court president, chief of staff and other dignitaries will lay wreaths.

Other main events commemorating Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day in Jerusalem include:

- "To Every Person There is a Name" ceremony, beginning at 10:30 in the Knesset. Representatives from the various countries from which Jews perished will take part in the readings, as will Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who will read names from Russia, and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who will read names from Belarus.
- A new exhibition, "To Return and To Live" opens at the Knesset today, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II and the Allied liberation of the concentration and death camps. The exhibition includes pictures, articles, a video, witnesses testimonies, maps and educational materials.
- At 1 p.m. a ceremony will be held in the Hall of Remembrance at Yad Vashem. An assembly at 5:30 p.m. will also mark 50th anniversary of the end of the war, with the participation of Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein.

According to the Oslo accords and subsequent negotiations with the Palestinians, free elections are to be held for a Palestinian council. Both sides agreed that democratic elections would be compromised if Palestinians were to vote with Israeli troops in the streets and near the polls.


Enter redeployment, or as Rabin would prefer to call it pre-deployment.

The first phase of experimental pre-deployment was practically announced yesterday by Rabin who said the IDF would remove the basic trainees from three bases in the territories, relocate them within the Green Line, and redesignate the bases for units that would pull out of Palestinian towns.

From a purely military point of view, this is insignificant. But the timing of the announcement is

important. By declaring his intent now, Rabin is signaling Yasser Arafat that he intends to at least try to meet the July 1 deadline, set several months ago as the target date for initial redeployment.

That deadline has been jeopardized by the delay in the

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Probe continues into Hizbullah suicide attack

DAVID RUDGE

INTENSIVE inquiries into Tuesday's suicide car bomb attack in the security zone in which eleven IDF soldiers were wounded continued yesterday.

Two of the wounded were released from Haifa's Rambam Hospital. The condition of the seven still hospitalized was said to be good.

Northern Command's initial inquiries have revealed that the bomber was seen sitting in the booby-trapped car in a parking lot with a woman, who was observed leaving the vehicle before the attack. He then drove toward the IDF convoy of four vehicles, as it was turning into a command post outside Bim J'ail and detonated the device.

Most of the blast was absorbed by a fountain outside the gates of the command headquarters, as well as a sentry box and other security measures there.

Hizbullah TV filmed the attack, then broadcast it.

Col. Akel Hashem, commander of the SLA's western sector battalion, said it appeared that the explosives had been smuggled into the zone along a nearby wadi from Hadatha to the north.

They were then packed into the car which had been standing unused in A-Tireh, because its owner had been prevented from using it by Hizbullah. Hashem stressed that although A-Tireh is in the zone, it is situated right on the perimeter.

He said the SLA was also investigating whether local residents collaborated with Hizbullah, by helping bring in the explosives, plant them

in the car, or by supplying intelligence information. Forty people were detained for questioning.

Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah announced that the suicide bomber was Salah Ali Radar, a father of three from Milki in the Nabatiya region. He said the attack was designed to hit the IDF's intelligence apparatus.

Nasrallah put all the organization's fighters on full alert in case of retaliation by the IDF and the South Lebanese Army.

He had warned on Tuesday that Hizbullah's "holy fighters" would strike at targets in Israel if the IDF or the SLA shelled Shi'ite villages north of the zone in response to the attacks.

His comments, however, were dismissed by OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine, who visited the site of the attack along with Brig.-Gen. Giora Inbar, head of the IDF's Lebanese Liaison Unit, and other senior officers.

"I have nothing to say to Nasrallah. We will find the time and the place to act and hit Hizbullah," Levine said.

"Hizbullah is operating with all its might, all the time, in every way possible. The use of this method [suicide attacks], however, I think is a sign of a little distress because of its lack of success in other forms of operations," he said.

Levine did not rule out the possibility that residents of the zone had been involved in the suicide attack, in one way or another, but stressed that the IDF has no interest in mak-



A soldier surveys the charred remains of a command car that was hit by a suicide car bomber Tuesday afternoon. (Israel Sun)

ing life difficult for local residents.

"We are here for exactly the opposite aim - to allow the local population to live and exist normally. If it transpires, however, that there were

local people who collaborated, we will know how to deal with them," he said.

Inbar, who is heading the inquiries into the attack, said the IDF had

considered the possibility of a suicide bombing attempt and had taken the necessary precautions.

He noted that there appeared to be some link between Hizbullah and

Hamas and Islamic Jihad. "In a leaflet that was left here, Nasrallah praises Hamas and Islamic Jihad, and talks about their common aim of hitting the IDF," he said.

'Escape felt like a miracle'

DAVID RUDGE

THE blackened crater at the entrance to the IDF compound outside Bim J'ail township in the western sector of the security zone marks the spot where an Hizbullah suicide car bomber blew himself to pieces alongside an army convoy.

The blast from the detonation of nearly 200 kilograms of explosives on Tuesday afternoon blew out virtually all the windows in the nearby Bim J'ail hospital, and even broke tiles off the walls in the operating theater. All patients in the hospital at the time had to be evacuated. Those who were considered sufficiently well were sent home, and the others were transferred to Marjayoun hospital.

Two command cars in which the soldiers had traveled from the Israeli border to the compound were turned into charred wrecks. All that remained of the car bomb were bits of metal scattered over an area covering scores of meters from the center of the blast.

The extent of the damage made it even more difficult to believe that only two soldiers were moderately hurt, while another nine who were wounded escaped with only minor injuries.

As Lebanese workmen repaired damage to the road, the hospital and other buildings as well as washing away soot from the blast, one of the soldiers talked about what happened.

"It was a regular, routine convoy, and everything went as normal, the preparations for the journey and going on the road, until we got to the sentry post at the entrance to the compound here" at Bim J'ail, said Lt. Shamir Peretz, 22, from Netanya, who commanded the convoy.

"Then suddenly there was an explosion and everybody got out of the vehicles. I saw them all get out and everybody took cover and then we started to deal with the wounded," said Peretz.

How did it feel to have escaped unharmed from a suicide car bomb attack? "First and foremost I feel lucky. We had a lot of luck, all of us in the convoy, as a result of the lack of professionalism of the suicide bomber," said Peretz.

"Secondly, we minimized the damage by the fact that we adhered to regulations and standing orders. If, however, he had managed to get between the vehicles, the situation would have been completely different."

Lebanese drivers were equally wary, abiding by instructions not to overtake convoys and to stop and pull to one side as the army vehicles passed. It was a clear reminder, should one have been necessary, that despite the pastoral setting, danger in Lebanon can be waiting around any bend.

Palestinian stabber bent on revenge gives himself up

BILL HUTMAN

THE Palestinian who stabbed and slightly wounded a haredi man in Jerusalem on Sunday has given himself up to security forces, court papers revealed yesterday.

Ahmed Abu Srur, 23, said he carried out the stabbing to revenge the killing by security forces of his cousin, Hamas terrorist Maher Abu Srur, during the Bus No. 25 terror attack two years ago in Jerusalem.

Ahmed Abu Srur told interrogators he turned himself in because he believed that way he would be considered a hero, police said.

On Monday, Abu Srur took a knife from his home in the Ayida refugee camp near Bethlehem and drove by taxi to the Old City. He told police minorities division and General Security Service interrogators that he stabbed the first Jew he saw.

He fled by foot and then returned to his home in the refugee camp by taxi. Later in the day, however, he went to the Civil Administration headquarters in Bethlehem and confessed to the attack.

Publication of details of the case was forbidden.

Israel will contribute \$6.5m. to cover PA deficit

ISRAEL has agreed to contribute \$6.5 million to help cover the Palestinian Authority's \$136m. budget deficit for this year, the Treasury said yesterday.

The Treasury made the announcement prior to the departure last night of the Israeli delegation to the donor country conference in Paris.

Finance Ministry Director-General David Brodet together with his Foreign Ministry counterpart Uri Savir are leading the

delegation.

The deficit, which makes up nearly a third of the Palestinians' \$444m. budget, is mostly the direct result of profligate spending, said Brodet. Spending has exceeded budget targets as the Palestinian Authority has hired more police than allowed, and increased the size of its civil administration. Moreover, the authority raised public sector wages.

The Palestinian Authority con-

JOSE ROSENFELD

tends that it has had to hire more people as a jobs program due to the closure of the territories.

A working group led by Norway, including the US, the European Union and Japan will present final deficit figures and propose how to finance the budget gap at the donor meeting. Donor countries will be asked to shift money they have earmarked for projects to fund the Palestin-

ian Authority's current expenditures.

Out of the \$25m. Israel has committed to projects, it has already transferred \$4m. to the Palestinian Authority.

The additional \$6.5m. Israel is promising will mean that 42% of the funds the country has set aside for projects will end up funding Palestinian current expenses.

The donor countries will condition the funding on better spend-

ing controls by the Palestinian Authority, the Treasury said.

Since May of last year, Israel has transferred \$65m. to the authority based on the Paris economic agreements, whereby taxes and duties on Palestinian imports and Value Added Taxes collected by Israel are transferred to the Palestinians. Should the donor countries approve the working group's proposal, their contribution to the Palestinians' this year will reach \$228m.

Cabinet discusses dire straits of PA

ALON PINKAS

THE dire economic state of the Palestinian Authority and the adverse effects this has on peace process were discussed by the cabinet yesterday.

The cabinet was briefed by on security issues, south Lebanon, and the economic situation in the Gaza Strip by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, the head of the General Security Service, and other senior officers.

Both Shahak and Maj.-Gen. Oren Shohor, coordinator of activities in the territories, warned that further economic deterioration would endanger the PA's existence and that the political and social ramifications may be harsh.

The most worrying economic indicator is the unemployment rate, which affects Hamas' strength, Health Minister Ephraim Sneh said. Shahor said the unemployment rate in Judea and Samaria is 50 percent, while in Gaza it is close to 60%.

Peres noted that PA is not generating income because of an inefficient tax collection mechanism, and funds from donor countries have not been received.

After hearing the report, ministers began proposing aid plans to the PA. "We are not doing enough to help the Palestinians' predicament," Peres reportedly said.

Police Minister Moshe Shahal proposed that Israel make a long-term development loan of \$300 million available to the PA.

"Every shekel invested or loaned toward the betterment of the quality of life in Gaza is contributing to our security," Shahal said. He added that there is a discrepancy between Israel's security needs and the economic well-being of the PA.

Shahal's offer was almost identical to the one Environment Minister Yossi Sarid made several months ago and presented again yesterday.

Woman dies when respirator short-circuits

A 79-year-old woman, Rachel Finkelstein, died yesterday after her life support system was temporarily cut off when the machine short-circuited at Haifa's Rambam Hospital.

Apparently, the equipment of a workman doing repairs to the bathrooms in the internal medicine department short-circuited the respirator. Police are investigating.

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Christopher urges speedup in talks

HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON

SECRETARY of State Warren Christopher urged the Syrian and Israeli ambassadors here Tuesday afternoon to pick up the pace of their negotiations. Israeli officials said.

The meeting was the first between the ambassadors in the three weeks since US peace team coordinator Dennis Ross' visit to the region, and the second in which Christopher has participated. The officials described Christopher's message as "more of a pep talk, a symbolic gesture that the US is interested in progress, and to launch the ambassadors' talks and to urge them on."

Christopher urged Itamar Rabinovich and Walid Mualem to "move things along" in order to prepare the ground for military experts to rejoin the talks, the officials said.

Restarting the military-level talks was the aim of Ross' recent trip, but the effort failed.

Together with Ross, Rabinovich and Mualem met to meet "two or three more times" before Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's visit here at the end of next week.

'Congress will petition Clinton to move embassy'

ALON PINKAS

TWO hundred members of the US House of Representatives have already pledged their support for an initiative to move the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, according to Benjamin Gilman, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Gilman, who is heading a House fact-finding delegation on a visit here, co-sponsored a 1984 bill to move the embassy, but failed to win sufficient congressional support.

"The issue is Jerusalem being the unified capital of Israel... 200 members have pledged to sign a petition which I believe we will submit to the president and to the secretary of state," Gilman said yesterday.

The delegation met with Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak and the head of the Intelligence Branch's research department, Brig.-Gen. Ya'acov Amidror, and was briefed on the military val-

ue Israel attaches to the Golan Heights.

"This is a bipartisan group on an orientation and fact-finding trip. One of the issues is obviously the negotiations between Israel and Syria. We are here to try and better understand the issues. As for the possibility of deploying US troops on the Golan as part of a possible arrangement between Israel and Syria, it came up and we are trying to determine whether it is time to formulate a position. My impression is that in Israel, the issue has not been discussed yet," Gilman said.

Gilman stressed that the administration's policy of dual containment of Iran and Iraq needs to be further implemented.

"There is a lot to do in this regard. Both countries still sponsor terrorism and their nuclear programs must be restrained."

Shahal jumps the gun

COMMENT

RAINE MARCUS

POLICE Minister Moshe Shahal noted yesterday that the police have worked professionally and efficiently in the complicated investigation of the media wiretapping affair.

But he omitted one crucial detail - without state's witness Ya'acov Tsor they would not have had enough evidence to arrest Ma'ariv publisher Ofer Nimrod and several others.

Since the case broke a year ago with the arrests of private investigator Tsor and his partner Rafi Friedman, police have questioned and arrested scores of people allegedly involved in illegal wiretapping, but have failed to bring the main suspects to trial. A senior police source has said on several occasions that although police were fully aware who commissioned the wide-scale wiretapping by Tsor and Friedman, they did not have sufficient evidence to indict.

Over the past few months, police investigating the case, who were unaware that Tsor had agreed about three months ago to testify for the prosecution, offered the pair various deals to disclose who hired them.

Comments by a Police Ministry source that the police were instrumental in persuading Tsor to testify are also not quite the case.

Tsor made the decision on his own and initiated the first discussion with Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz.

The 40-count indictment against Tsor will be dropped, and he will receive a large sum of money. Thus Shahal's comments would have been better saved until after all evidence has been consolidated and all the suspects indicted.

Student dies from stray bullet

Uri Weiss, 22, a Hebrew University student who suffered severe head injuries when a stray bullet passed through his dormitory room on Monday night and hit him, died last night at Hadassah-

University Hospital at Ein Kerem.

Police confiscated a student's weapon, and are investigating whether negligence led to Weiss's death.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Man killed in auto accident

A man was killed and four others injured, two seriously and two moderately, in a collision between two cars on the Beit Dagan-Yehud road yesterday.

In another accident, a woman was critically injured when a tractor-trailer hit a car near the Dror junction on Route 4. The driver of the car and another passenger were lightly injured. According to police, the tractor-trailer was tailgating. The critically injured woman, who was in the rear seat of the car, was taken to Beilinson Hospital in Petah Tikva.

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Stonethrower shot in Nablus

A Palestinian man who hurled stones at an IDF patrol jeep in Nablus was shot and wounded by soldiers yesterday, the IDF spokesman said.

The man approached the vehicle and got very close, raising suspicion that he might be armed, military sources said.

The man was listed in satisfactory condition.

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4 held in murder of alleged molester

Four Hebron residents, suspected of murdering Ashraf Salhav, 21, whom they suspected of sexually molesting children, were arrested yesterday. Three of those arrested were parents of children who had been molested. Salhav's bound, naked body was found on Monday.

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Autopsy set for Hamas detainee

An autopsy will be performed today on the body of Abed Harizat, the Hamas man who died Tuesday of a head wound suffered while under interrogation by the GSS. Harizat's family, which had originally opposed an autopsy, agreed yesterday to have it done. An outside pathologist will perform the autopsy.

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With great sorrow we mourn the loss of

RACHEL (RUTH) KARASH

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ANNIE KAUFMAN

(nee Potash)

formerly of Cape Town, South Africa,
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The funeral will take place today, Thursday,
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Court orders Bakshi-Doron to hear woman whose husband was allowed a second wife

HERB KEINON

THE High Court of Justice yesterday ordered Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron to give a hearing to a woman whose husband received permission from the Chief Rabbinate to marry another woman before she granted him a divorce.

In February, the High Court was petitioned on behalf of the woman, whose name can not be published, by Na'amat.

Etti Pipel, head of Na'amat's legal division, said the decision sets a positive precedent. From now on, she said, women whose husbands are given special dis-

pensation to marry a second wife will have the opportunity to have their cases heard by the chief rabbinates.

Bakshi-Doron, over the last two years, has allowed 24 men to take a second wife, mostly in cases where they were unable to deliver a writ of divorce (get) to their first wives.

Pipel said that the case before the court does not fall into this category, but is rather a case where the man want

ed a new wife because his current wife had diabetes and did not bear him a son. The two could not agree to terms of the divorce.

The decision was handed down by Justices Shlomo Levin, Yitzhak Zamir, and Gabriel Bach.

In her petition, Pipel said that Bakshi-Doron granted permission to the husband to marry, without ever hearing the woman's side of the story.

According to the Bible, men are permitted more than one

wife, although women are forbidden from having more than one husband.

In the 10th century, however, the Rabbi Gershom ben Yehuda (known as Rabbeinu Gershom) banned multiple wives. He provided one loophole, that in extreme cases a man could take another wife if he received the signature of 100 rabbis.

Pipel wrote that she does not believe such a document exists in this case, and that even if it does, she doubts that each rabbi looked into the case.

Rabin criticizes cabinet over lack of attention to immigrants

BATSHEVA TSUR

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin took the unusual step of chiding his ministers yesterday for failing to pay attention to the needs and feelings of the new immigrants who do not speak Hebrew.

Rabin's ire was triggered by the failure to place full-page advertisements in the Russian-language and other foreign-language papers about the state events taking place today throughout the country to mark Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day.

Dozens of commemorative events are due to be held with the participation of ministers, High Court justices and other public figures.

The commemorative events

were prominently advertised in the Hebrew press.

The prime minister also took to task the head of the Government Press Office whose duty it is to inform the public of such events. He was instructed to correct the situation immediately.

At the same time, Rabin appealed to Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni to allocate appropriate sums for the operation of the immigrant radio wavelength, Reka, and to pay the journalists working there a reasonable salary.

Referring to the cabinet decision of October 1993 to publish all relevant state-conveyed infor-

mation in languages of new immigrants, Rabin said that a follow-up by his director-general, Shimon Sheves, had revealed that this was not being done.

With the exception of the Absorption Ministry and the Road Safety Authority, Rabin said, little attention was being paid to the needs of the non-Hebrew speaking immigrants by the authorities.

There is a NIS 1,500,000 budget for this purpose, he said, but not even this budget has been used.

This special budget is only 2 percent of the national budget for government publications, while the new immigrants constitute some 10 percent of the population, Rabin pointed out.

Alisa Flatow's sister to return

THE sister of an American student killed in the April 9 Kfar Darom suicide bombing is returning to Israel and plans to meet the recipients of her sister's organs, her father said Tuesday.

Stephen Flatow said he is not worried about his 18-year-old daughter Gail's return to Israel, where she had been studying at a Jerusalem religious school since October.

"I'm confident about her trip," said Flatow, 46, of West Orange, N.J., in a telephone interview. "These [attacks] happen in Oklahoma City, in New York City, in Tel Aviv, and in Kfar Darom. The message is, you don't give in to terrorism."

Six Israelis received organ transplants from Alisa Flatow, 20, a Brandeis University junior. Seven soldiers were also killed in the attack. Gail returned to the US for her sister's burial and for Pessah.

Flatow said Gail now wants to meet the organ recipients to see how "Alisa was able to give people some hope ... to see what her death resulted in."

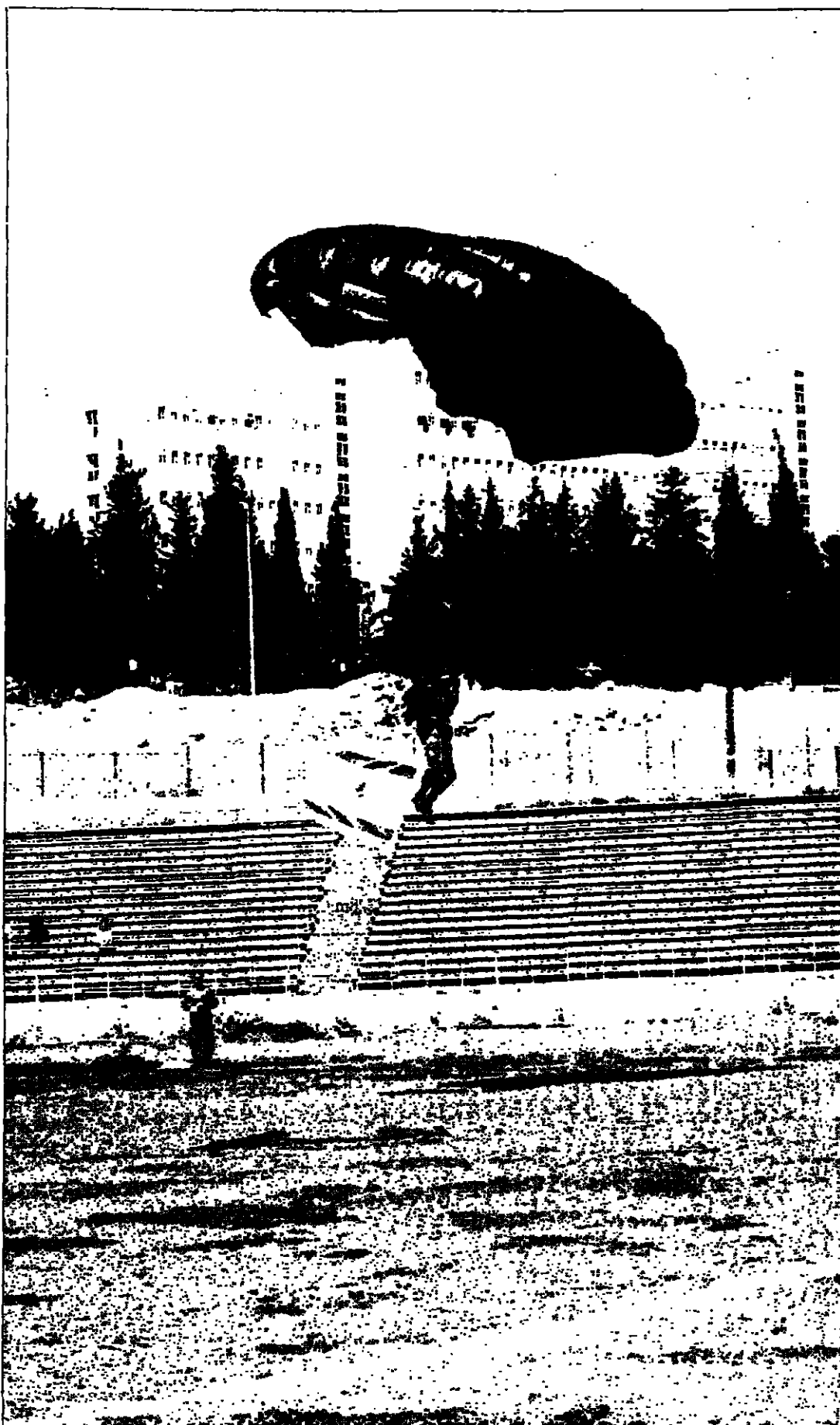
Gail will return in the next few weeks and stay through June, to complete her one-year program of study, he said.

Of the six organ recipients, two have died and the other four are still recovering in hospitals.

"Of course we want to meet her sister," said Tzipi Rahamin, whose cousin Shabtai Rahamin, 23, remains in Jerusalem's Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem after a successful liver transplant. "We are delighted and we want to thank them for everything they've done."

Doctors at Sheba Hospital in Tel Hashomer said they don't usually allow donor families to meet recipients, but they aren't ruling out a visit in this case. Patient Malka Nir, 48, received one of Alisa's lungs.

The other recovering patients are Jacob Salinas, 56, who received Alisa's heart, and Arye Mendelson, 43, who got a kidney. Her remains went to Soroka Hospital's eye bank. (AP)



An IDF skydiver makes a practice landing yesterday in Givat Ram stadium of Hebrew University in Jerusalem in preparation for Independence Day festivities. (Efraim Kilshuk)

Ex-Zim worker wins suit against company

A FORMER Zim union leader yesterday won a private criminal suit in Haifa District Court against the Zim Steamship Co. and a Zim official he accused of blackmail.

Ori Zuckerman, a former member of the workers' committee, charged that he had been forced to resign because Zim's management had blackmailed him. Zuckerman filed a private criminal complaint, after police decided not to press charges because of lack of evidence.

Zuckerman had maintained that he was forced to leave his union post in 1988 after managing director Mati Morgenstern had threatened to release compromising photographs of him and his mistress, taken by private detectives hired by Zim management.

Judge Micha Lindenstrauss acquitted all of the defendants except for Uri Sabirsky, Zim's general services manager. He noted that Morgenstern had tried to settle the dispute out of court, but that Sabirsky, Zuckerman's direct boss was the main initiator and implementer in the affair. (Tim)

Shmulevitz's testimony focuses on yeshiva

CROSS-EXAMINATION of prosecution witness Ya'acov Shmulevitz in the trial of former interior minister Aryeh Deri focused yesterday on the relationship between a yeshiva run by Deri associates and a rehabilitation center they established.

Deri's attorney Dan Avi-Yitzhak questioned Shmulevitz on the sale of the Lev Benim Yeshiva building to the Prisoner Rehabilitation Center.

Avi-Yitzhak suggested during the session at Jerusalem District Court that the building was intended to house released prisoners.

He tried to show that the building was evacuated by the yeshiva, and plans to return only came up six months later.

At that stage it was decided that it would be a good idea to integrate yeshiva students and former prisoners together in a living environment, he said.

Under direct examination, Shmulevitz, who established the center, said the sale of the yeshiva building to the center was one of the ways to channel government funds to the yeshiva.

Shmulevitz, Deri and the three other co-defendants - Aryeh and Moshe Weinberg, and Yom-Tov Rubin - served in different administrative positions at the yeshiva. (Tim)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Torahs stolen in Arad

Thieves broke into the main Ashkenazi synagogue in Arad yesterday and stole three Torah scrolls valued at NIS 250,000.

The theft was noticed yesterday afternoon by the *gabai* of the synagogue, who was shocked to see that the synagogue had been partially ransacked. Police believe that the thieves will try to sell the scrolls abroad. (Amir Rozenblit)

Tel Aviv casino raided

Police raided another Tel Aviv casino on Tuesday night, arresting 24 people, including dealers and gamblers.

The dealers included four British citizens, one Bulgarian, and one South African. Police released all those arrested except for the casino owner, a 47-year-old Ramat Gan resident. Three roulette and two black jack tables were seized. (Tim)

Bible quiz begins next Wednesday

Yohan Ben-Atar, 17, will represent Morocco's Jewish community at the World Diaspora Bible Quiz, which will be held on Wednesday in Rosh Ha'ayin.

The winners of the competition will go on to compete in the finals on Thursday, Independence Day.

It will be the first time a youth from Morocco will participate in the competition, which includes 50 competing youths from around the world. Representatives from Latvia and Slovakia will also compete for the first time.

The youngest participant is 13-year-old Goldi Katz from

Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapais daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the nine of spades, eight of hearts, eight of diamonds, and seven of clubs.

Company fined for false advertising for herbal teas

JUDY SIEGEL

A BEIT Shemesh company that made medicinal claims for its tea products was fined NIS 21,000 by Tel Aviv Magistrates' Court yesterday, following a complaint by the Health Ministry.

The court fined Natural Alternative Medicine Institute and its manager, Yitzhak Gvilli, for claiming that a food product can treat a medical condition. The company advertised and sold herbal teas that it claimed reduced blood sugar and cholesterol levels, and other herbal teas claimed to "solve" the problem of angina pectoris (chest pains), weight gain, and tiredness.

The company and Gvilli were found guilty of six violations and

given the alternative of paying a NIS 21,000 fine or spending 20 days in prison. They also were required to post a NIS 96,000 bond committing themselves not to repeat the violation during the next three years.

According to the law, only registered drugs may make medical claims.

Meanwhile, the Health Ministry is deciding what to do about advertising for Le Patch, a transdermal patch which claims to promote speedy metabolism and weight loss. The ministry said the seaweed in the patches has no connection to weight loss, and that the patch could be "useful" only in "reminding people who wear it to eat less."

Rehab centers will evaluate mental health of IDF disabled

SEVERAL centers to evaluate the emotional disability of IDF disabled were established in 1994. Col. (res.) Chico Oren, head of the Defense Ministry's rehabilitation branch, said yesterday.

Previously, he said, the disabled were only entitled to medical examinations. Now, psychological and psychiatric examinations are also available.

"We are in an experimental year," Oren said. "If there are no surprises, this tool will become part of our regular service."

He said the goal of the examinations is to determine the benefits to which the disabled person is entitled.

Such examinations are available at Ichilov, Sheba and Rambam hospitals, the Ramat Chen

Medical Center and the Beersheba Mental Health Center.

Oren conceded that the centers were established after the rehabilitation branch received numerous complaints from IDF disabled who said they were not receiving the services to which they were entitled.

He noted that last year, the branch assisted 85,395 people, an increase of 4.2 percent over 1993, with 66,656 of them IDF disabled. It also assisted 18,738 bereaved families, a decrease of 1.3 percent. The branch's 1995 budget is \$1.5 billion, a 3 percent increase over 1994.

Oren said there has been a 25 percent increase in the number of IDF disabled over the last five years, while the number of bereaved families had decreased by 6 percent. (Tim)

Elta wins prize for ingenuity

ALON PINKAS

WORKERS at Elta, an Israel Aircraft Industry subsidiary, were awarded a defense ministry prize for "creative thinking and technological ingenuity" at a ceremony yesterday.

The prize, awarded every year by the Defense Ministry's office of research, development of military systems, and technological infrastructure, was the highest of five awards given.

"You are the pillar of fire of creative thinking, leading the entire research and development community," Uzi Eliam, head of the re-

search office, said.

The component, system, project, or invention for which the prize was awarded has not been disclosed.

A second prize was awarded to a research office worker for his contribution to the development of several projects, and three citations for excellence were awarded jointly to the workers of Elita and the research office, the workers of the research office for an "original idea that may develop into a weapons system," and to the workers at Ramat (another IAI subsidiary) for developing "a system already proven in battle."

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Rwandans flee amid chaos

BUTARE (AP) - More than 1,000 refugees evicted from a camp in southwest Rwanda remained imprisoned in an overcrowded bank building for a second day yesterday. Another 600 resisted eviction from a school compound.

Stragglers trudged along Rwanda's roads, but aid workers said most of the more than 200,000 refugees evicted from their camps in the southwest have reached their home villages.

Rwandan soldiers and UN troops urged the last 600 holdouts at Kibeho camp to leave the school compound where they took refuge Saturday when soldiers fired on the camp.

At least 2,000 people were killed at Kibeho. Many of the victims, mostly women and children, were trampled to death.

The refugees are Hutus, members of the ethnic majority blamed for last year's slaughter of 500,000 men, women and children. Most victims were Tutsis who were shot, hacked and clubbed to death by Hutu militias and, in many cases, former friends and neighbors.

The government considered the displaced camps in the southwest to be hotbeds of militia activity. Last week, it began forcing the refugees to return home.

Lt. Kent Page, the UN military spokesman in Kigali, said at least nine refugees were killed when they returned to their villages.

In Nusuga, a hillside farming community 10 miles from Butare, 10 returnees were promptly jailed on charges they bludgeoned their neighbors to death last year.

More than a thousand refugees have been imprisoned in a cramped bank building in the village of Ngenda, 40 kilometers (25 miles) south of the capital, Kigali. Page could not say if the refugees were from Ngenda or imprisoned as they passed through.

In Butare, southwest of the capital, townspeople emerged from their homes Tuesday to slap, stone and spit at a column of hundreds of refugees beginning a journey on foot to their distant homes.

UN officials fear their homecoming reception will be far more hostile.

"The government is conscious of the fact that there is going to be a huge problem in terms of food and water," UN special envoy Shaharvar Khan said Tuesday in Kigali. "There is also the question of hostility."

Ray Wilkinson, spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said Butare, the first destination of at least 60,000 refugees who fled Kibeho, was nearly empty of refugees yesterday. "The people have moved on," Wilkinson said.



Rwandan Hutu refugees wait in a bus yesterday to be transported by the UN from a transit station in Butare in the southwestern part of the country to their home districts near Kigali. (AP)

2nd bomb suspect may be dead

FEDERAL agents are investigating whether the second suspect in the deadly Oklahoma City blast was killed when the two-ton bomb went off, an official source said yesterday.

"It's an active theory," a law enforcement source said. "That is why they are so closely examining pictures from the area - he may have got caught by the explosion."

The body count reached 98 yesterday as investigators charged two brothers with conspiracy. Officials now believe only five more children may be lost in the bombed-out wreckage of the federal office building, the Medical Examiner's Office said.

Nichols brothers James, 41, and Terry, 40, previously held as witnesses, have been charged as conspirators with Timothy McVeigh in the construction of explosive devices in Michigan.

McVeigh, 27, remained the only person arrested in the actual bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah federal building. He is not charged in the Michigan case, and the Nichols brothers are not charged in the Oklahoma bombing.

It is routine in bombings to see whether the bomber was killed in a blast, but said in this case, the law enforcement source said, "un-identifiable body parts and heavy damage all around the area has made it more difficult to be certain."

Only one person - Gulf War veteran Timothy McVeigh - has been directly charged in the blast, which exploded a week ago, almost demolishing a nine-floor federal building.

A surveillance camera's tape - damaged by the blast - is being scrutinized because it may show the truck that carried the bomb and the suspects.

The source said publicity about a second suspect has been so intense it would be very difficult for the man to move around in public.

Federal authorities issued a new sketch of

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the dark-haired, tattooed man, this time showing him in a baseball cap.

"Either he doesn't know anybody or he's dead, is what some of are speculating," said the source.

McVeigh, 27, was being held in a maximum security prison on the outskirts of Oklahoma City.

Several media reports yesterday said investigators found traces of ammonium nitrate, an ingredient of fertilizer, on McVeigh's clothing and in his car. Experts believe the bomb was made primarily of fertilizer and fuel oil.

McVeigh was listed as a co-conspirator in federal charges filed in Michigan against farming brothers James and Terry Nichols. The charges were not linked to the Oklahoma bombing.

CNN reported that McVeigh, a former soldier, was refusing to speak to authorities, claiming he was a political prisoner. It said McVeigh would give only his name, rank and Army serial number - the information a prisoner of war gives his captors.

Oldest Briton dies at 108

ABERDARE, Wales (Reuters) - Britain's oldest man, a former grocery salesman who as a soldier survived some of the bloodiest battles of World War One, has died aged 108, his family said yesterday.

Born at Lampeter, in the Welsh county of Dyfed, on August 19, 1886, David Davies had lived for the last six years in a nursing home in the Welsh town of Aberdare where he died.

He was a grandfather of four and great-grandfather of eight. His wife died 27 years ago. Davies' longevity warranted an entry in the Guinness Book of Records and he was granted the freedom of Aberdare, a civic honor.

Chirac talks tough about illegal immigration

PARIS (AP) - Conservative presidential candidate Jacques Chirac said yesterday he empathizes with "the doubts and worries" of far-right voters, and talked tough about illegal immigration, one of their deepest concerns.

To win his runoff May 7 against Socialist Lionel Jospin, Chirac needs some support from far-rightists who gave the anti-immigrant National Front a record 15 percent of the votes in Sunday's first round. His newly hard-line rhetoric on security and immigration appears aimed at them.

"France must be without inhibitions and without weakness" in fighting illegal immigration, Chirac said in a radio interview. He said a new treaty easing border controls among seven European countries should be overhauled if it proved to encourage illegal immigration.

Jospin edged Chirac in the first round with 23.3 percent of the votes to 20.8 percent. Nearly 40

percent of the voters supported fringe parties to the left and right of the mainstream, including 20 percent for National Front leader Jean-Marie Le Pen and another nationalist candidate who shared many of his views.

A poll released yesterday by the BVA polling firm gave Chirac 55 percent of the votes in the runoff, but said one-fifth of the 1,000 voters surveyed were indecisive. The poll's margin of error was between 2 and 3 percent.

Jospin, a former education minister, supports continued controls on immigration, but contends that some measures adopted by the conservative government over the past two years went too far.

A leading Chirac supporter, Jean-Antoine Giansily, yesterday branded Jospin "the candidate of immigration" and accused him of "capitulating" as education minister when he balked at banning girls from wearing Islamic headscarves at public schools.

Serbs pressure UN; war crimes trial starts

SARAJEVO (AP) - Bosnian Serbs were steadfast yesterday in their opposition to government officials using Sarajevo's airport, warning that UN fuel shipments could be cut off.

UN negotiator John Wright said progress had been made during talks yesterday with Serbs. But a Serb negotiator made clear that Serbs would continue to insist that officials of Bosnia's Moslem-led government officials be banned from all UN flights.

In The Hague, the first international war crimes tribunal since World War II opened. A Bosnian Serb pleaded innocent to charges of crimes against humanity.

"I plead not guilty, and I did not commit any of these crimes," said Dusan Tadic from behind a bullet-proof glass shield at the Yugoslav War Crimes Tribunal. Tadic, charged with murder, rape and other atrocities in Serb-held Bosnia in 1992, is the first defendant to be tried for war crimes since the Tokyo and Nuremberg trials of the 1940s.

His case - which includes charges of forcing a prisoner to bite off another's testicle - is being heard by a three-judge panel at the UN-sponsored Yugoslav War Crimes Tribunal.

The United Nations depends on the airport for its humanitarian airlift and its peacekeepers' fuel supplies, which are critically low and could run out within a week.

Earlier, UN spokesman Alexander Ivankovic in Sarajevo told reporters the United Nations hoped to reach agreement about exactly who might use the airport. The United Nations also will be seeking safety guarantees in order to resume the humanitarian airlift, suspended since April 8.

Last weekend the Serbs blocked US and German diplomats from entering Sarajevo from the airport, and they have refused to guarantee they won't shoot at airplanes carrying civilians.

On Tuesday, Serbs denied security guarantees to all fuel convoys, leaving the airport as the only lifeline for UN troops in Sarajevo.

"One thing is for sure, Moslem officials will not be able to use the airport... in future," Serb negotiator Momo Mandic said yesterday. "It can only be used for UN staff." He charged government officials were lobbying abroad for weapons and funds.

He warned that Serbs, whose guns can target all traffic in and out of Sarajevo, would cut off all fuel supplies destined for the United Nations.

The Serbs are apparently reacting to UN moves to isolate the Bosnian Serbs for refusing to go along with a peace plan that leaves them with 49 percent of Bosnia. They now hold about two-thirds of the country.

The Serbs seem less likely than ever to compromise. Their top leaders, Radovan Karadzic and Gen. Ratko Mladic, were named by a war crimes tribunal on Monday as suspects.

The so-called Bosnian Serb Information Ministry said it did not recognize the court's authority and accused it of bias.

The Serbs have long been angered that some Bosnian government passport-holders have been able to use UN flights.

The United Nations says that with few exceptions, civilians are not covered under a strict interpretation of a 1992 agreement under which it controls the airport.

Cultists nabbed in Tokyo

TOKYO (AP) - Five years ago, chemist Masami Tsuchiya was on his way to becoming a part of Japan's scientific elite. Instead, he chose to devote his talents to a doomsday cult now suspected in a deadly gas attack.

Yesterday, he was in jail. Tsuchiya's dramatic arrest - he was found hiding in an underground compartment at the Aum Shinri Kyo cult's Mount Fuji commune - could be a breakthrough for police investigating the March 20 attack on Tokyo's subways.

Tsuchiya was in charge of the cult's extensive experiments with chemicals and its research into the nerve gas sarin, which was used in the subway attack.

Also arrested was Seiichi Endo, another cult leader believed to be a potential key to determining whether Aum was involved in the subway terror, which left 12 dead and sickened 5,500 others.

Tsuchiya and Endo, who before joining Aum was a viral and genetics researcher, were both arrested for allegedly "harboring escaping criminals." Further details of the charges were not immediately available.

The captures capped one of the most intense days of police crackdowns on the cult yet, involving more than 1,300 officers and raids on 88 offices, yoga centers, communes and other cult facilities.

Aum leaders have repeatedly denied any connection with the

subway attack or a series of other incidents that have followed.

But daily searches of the Mount Fuji commune over the past month have uncovered tons of chemicals and equipment that could have been used to produce the gas.

Police were believed still looking for the cult's founder, self-proclaimed messiah Shoko Asahara, who has been in hiding since the subway killings.

They got a taste of Asahara's ire yesterday, however, as the enigmatic guru's latest book went on sale. In it, Asahara warned of a new calamity unless police pull back.

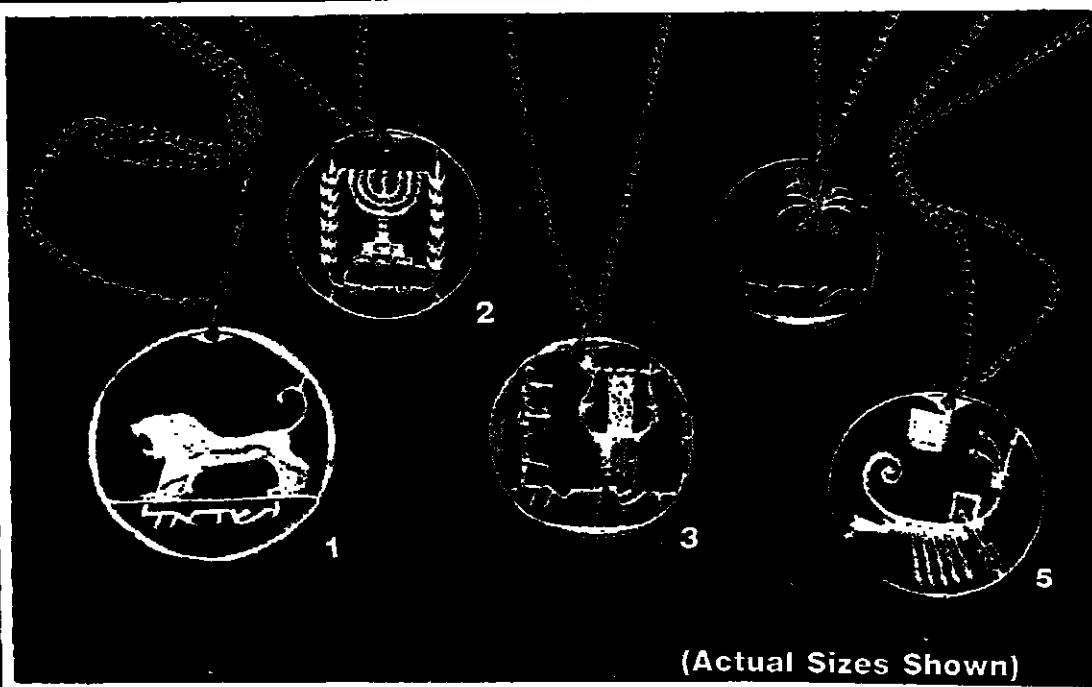
"The authorities are unjustly arresting our stoic disciples and doing things they certainly shouldn't," Asahara wrote in the hastily prepared book. "This is escalating, and will certainly cause the gods to explode with anger."

"Hell awaits" those who support the crackdown, he warned. In the book, "The Sadness of a Dead Japan," Asahara repeated that he is gravely ill. He attributed his condition to alleged biological weapon attacks on him and his followers by the US military.

He denied the cult's involvement in any acts of violence, and called the police actions "unconstitutional and unjust."

Tsuchiya, who completed postgraduate studies in chemistry at one of Japan's most prestigious universities, had appeared in earlier books by Asahara.

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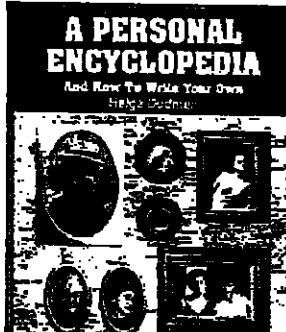
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Their new lives built, survivors review past

Now that Nir Galim's founders have a wealth of descendants, they are ready to speak about the horrors they experienced, David Strassler writes

THEY were the singed rod saved from the fire. But the more than 40 young Holocaust survivors, mainly from Hungary, who founded Nir Galim in 1949 grew into a sturdy trunk with strong branches. They have grown with their children, grandchildren and now great-grandchildren to more than 500 at the Bnei Akiva cooperative moshav.

Nir Galim is just east of the site that would become the city of Ashdod a decade after the moshav's founding.

The young pioneers had been offered other options before they established Nir Galim. A group of about 20 had been attached to the southern kibbutz of Be'erot Yitzhak, which was severely damaged and lost many of its members in the War of Independence.

Another group was at Sde Elihu, a kibbutz in the Beit She'an Valley, and they too were asked to remain.

But they were stubborn. According to Shraga Shemer, 66, a central figure in the moshav, those "who had lost their families at such an early age" yearned for "a more traditional type of family life" than that provided by a kibbutz. They insisted upon having a settlement of their own, and chose the site of the abandoned Arab village of Sukreir, near the other religious Zionist settlements of Bnei Darom and Kvutzat Yavne.

1950s, Safar - and Nir Galim as a whole - were deeply involved in Ashdod's early development. The moshav, for example, ran a water pipeline to the fledgling city.

Safar even arranged for Moroccan Jews who had immigrated to Ashdod a day or two before to receive a Torah in time for their first Shabbat services in the country.

Haim Taub, 66, who was born in Nyiregyhaza in eastern Hungary, might also have buried his memories if not for his father's behest that he bear witness.

Taub was no less instrumental than Safar in the moshav's economic success. The moshav's first driver and mechanic, he acquired his skills before immigrating. To this day he manages Hof Ashdod, Nir Galim's trucking company, a major hauler with dozens of vehicles.

While Safar says he did "not discuss the past even with family or close friends, nor see a film or read a book about the Holocaust," Taub told and retold the story of his family's removal to the ghetto, the transport to Auschwitz with his father and uncle, forced labor in factories that fed the Nazi war machine and the reunion with his sister - the family's only survivors.

His father and uncle had given Taub whatever food they could. Sometimes it wasn't kosher; his father and uncle would not eat it, but they insisted that he do so in order to live.

Now, he insists, "we who endured the Shoah have a sacred obligation to tell of those days, especially because of the new antisemitism and the attempts to deny the very existence of the Shoah and the destruction of six million of our people. We are obligated to remember and to sound a warning."

Sarah Safar also didn't speak of those days for many years.

"I was busy raising our three children. I went with them on class trips, to the beach, and enjoyed every minute of it," she says. Their home was a happy one, always full of their children's friends. Both parents acted as if they had no terrible story imbedded in their hearts.

The Mengele hearings led her to open up as well. She writes and speaks a rich Hebrew, despite being hard of hearing from an illness contracted at Auschwitz. She has written articles and poems for the moshav newsletter, and earlier this year gave her first interview to this writer.

YONA TAUB, 64, Haim's wife, was taken to Belgium from her native Berlin by her Polish-immigrant parents as a small child, shortly after the Nazis came to power.

Her family moved whenever danger approached. From Belgium they went to Paris, then to Nice and Grenoble.

Her parents smuggled Jews across the French border and later to Vichy. She was standing next to her father in Nice when a policeman examining his documents suspected they were forged; 11-year-old Yona instinctively answered "no" when asked if she was with him.

The police took her father away; it was the last time she saw him. She attributes her quick thinking to her parents, who raised her to be independent.

When life for Jews became untenable in Grenoble, the Resistance attempted to smuggle Yona and others across the Swiss border. When a German patrol came by, she climbed a tree. Their dogs would have caught her scent, but were thrown off by perfume that spilled from a pack a woman carrying a child had thrown at the foot of the tree.

A later escape attempt by the



The Mengele hearings prompted Eliezer and Sarah Safar (top) to open up about the pain in their respective pasts. Haim Taub, pictured with his wife Yona, heeded his father's behest that he bear witness. (Sarit Uzely)

Resistance succeeded, and Yona lived with a Christian family near Geneva until the end of the war. Her mother, who pretended to be Christian, survived the war in southern France.

Life hung by a thread in those days. Eliezer Safar twice tried and failed to escape from Hungarian forced-labor groups, "crimes" usually punished by death.

Instead, he was placed in a company of criminals and what he called other "marginal" social types. The Hungarian army uniform that he had been issued in that group, and which he would not have received in a Jewish company later saved his life.

He and his company retreated to the west, away from the Russians. In Graz, Austria, he was wounded by shrapnel in the knee during an American bombing raid; to this day cannot straighten his leg.

The injured man was able to

answer questions by saying "soldier" (soldier) - thereby avoiding revealing the accent of his native Yiddish - and was taken to a hospital for treatment.

HAIM TAUB, who was a member of a slave-labor gang in a concentration camp doing particularly difficult manual labor, including lifting cement and railway ties, was saved because he reminded a German civilian worker of his son.

The German took pity on him and gave him a job that would last for the next three months: Taub had to wait during the day by railway tracks to switch the rails once a week.

It was in the dead of the winter of 1944-45, but Taub was able to make tea and keep warm in his barracks by a fire kept burning with wood he gingerly pilfered and coals thrown to him from the passing freight train by crew members.

"One day, I heard someone open the window of a nearby office and say, 'Psssst.' I looked around but only saw a woman's hair and a small packet on the windowsill. I ran over, brought the packet back, opened it and found cigar butts. Since I had plenty of time, I rolled the salvaged tobacco into cigarettes with newspaper. With the cigarettes, I was able to barter [with Jews and other inmates] for half a loaf of bread, a handkerchief, a pullover and a piece of leather for someone to fix my shoes."

A packet of butts was waiting for me on that windowsill almost every day. What I was able to get for those cigarettes helped me, my father and uncle, and some other Jews.

"I was even able to barter for real cigarette paper and get money. I think those three months saved my life, because any business you could do was like vitamins that helped you go on."

Haim met Yona in Kibbutz Be'erot Yitzhak. They participated in the beleaguered settlement's defense and eventual evacuation in 1948, and returned to help rebuild it.

AT THE gentle prodding of Prof. Moshe Davis - he and his wife Lottie maintain a home in Nir Galim as well as in Jerusalem - many moshav members who had not spoken about their Holocaust experiences for 40 years or more became willing to give their testimony to Yad Vashem.

Davis, who founded the Hebrew University's Institute for Contemporary Jewry and who organized a series of studies of contemporary Jewry under the

ELIEZER SAFAR, 71, who was born in the eastern Hungarian village of Derecske, recalls the pristine beauty of the windswept white dunes stretching eastward from the sea, the pure air and the vast coat of snow that covered the dunes in the winter of 1951-52.

For almost 40 years after the end of World War II, he shoved aside memories of the Nazis' slaughter of most of the members of his large family and his forced labor in Hungary and Austria.

What helped him was the energy he invested in building the moshav, raising a family, running the regional authority and developing and managing the moshav's nearby filling station and two petroleum agencies.

As secretary of the Hevel Yavne Regional Authority in the

SAFAR'S CHANGE of mind about speaking out came after public hearings about Josef Mengele which were held at Yad Vashem in 1985. He attended with his wife Sarah, 59, and her sister, Leah, who were "Mengele twins."

Ironically, it was Mengele's perverse fascination with twins that saved the seven-year-old sisters from the certain death they would otherwise have met along with their pregnant mother, who was motioned to the line leading to the gas chambers.

After the Mengele hearings, Eliezer Safar underwent a slow, painful process which led to a "readiness to open up, to talk and write about the Holocaust in the moshav newsletter," he says.

A new museum recreates the lost world of 1,500,000 young Jews murdered by the Nazis, Paul Hirschhorn reports

A worried child recalls being separated from his parents and sleeping alone for the first time. A daughter recounts her love for her family. Another has clear recollections of arguments with the neighbors.

An eight-year-old shares fond memories: "The first years of my life were peaceful and good. I had a pleasant childhood. Dad was at home very little since he was busy working at the office. But mom was always with us. She was a lawyer, but didn't work in her profession. My sister, Renia, two years younger than I, was Dad's favorite. Mom used to say that I was a backward child."

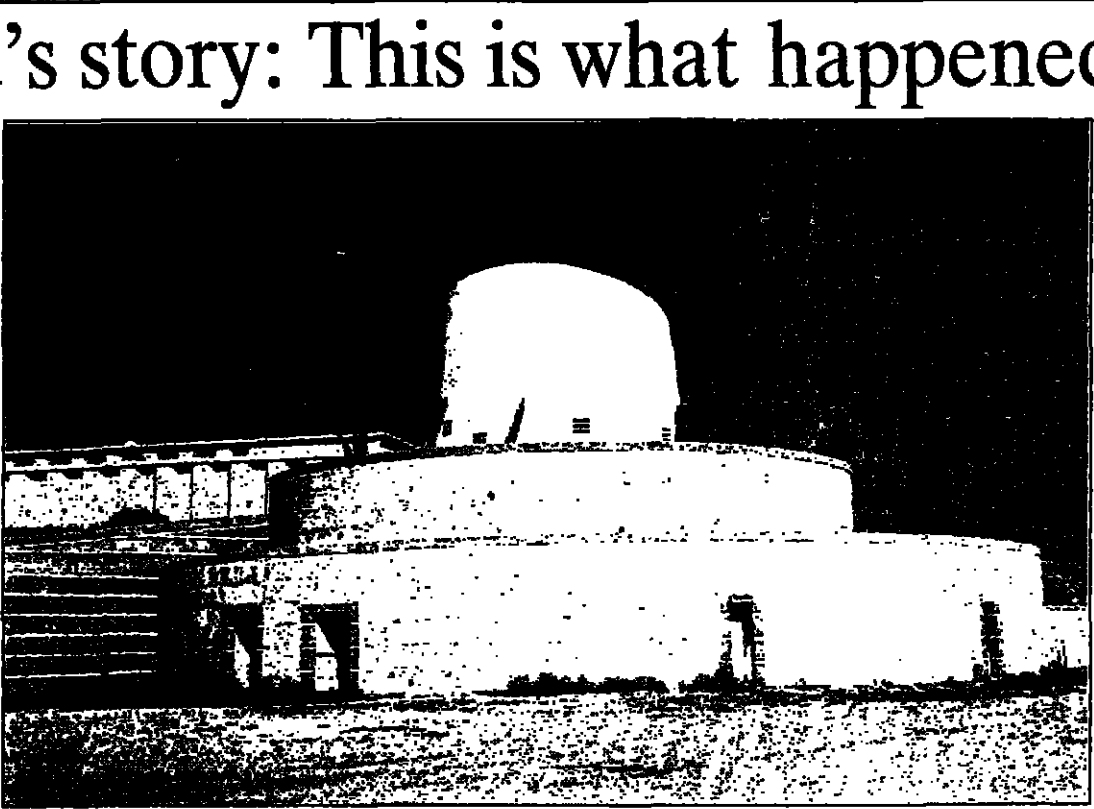
The themes of the stories are universal in many ways. But they take an unexpected and unique twist when war breaks out and the Nazis arrive.

"Germans entered the courtyard of our house in the ghetto one time and started to pull the people from the houses."

The stories are all that survive of some 1,500,000 Jewish children who died at the hands of the Nazis during World War II. Forced overnight from the innocent world of the child, they suffered unthinkable horrors.

Although they died, they have been survived by their testimonies, thousands of them, in the form of diaries, letters, drawings, and oral accounts of child survivors.

This eyewitness testimony, painstakingly gathered by Holocaust



The Children's Holocaust Memorial Museum, near Nahariya, pays homage to young victims.

historians over the last half century, is the heart of a new museum at Kibbutz Lohamei Hageta'ot near Nahariya. Yad LaYeled, or the Children's Holocaust Memorial Museum, is to open in May 1995 as one of numerous events throughout the country marking the 50th anniversary of the fall of Nazi Germany.

The aim of Yad LaYeled is twofold - to pay homage to the victims, and to tell their stories to the children of today, explains its curator and director Miri Kedem.

"To many children in Israel today the Holocaust is associated mainly with ceremonies and sirens, which only confuse them, leaving them with a feeling of alienation and fear. Until they finally study the subject, young children are exposed to it in an uncontrolled way."

The Children's Holocaust Memorial lets the victims do the explaining themselves, in a manner not designed to traumatize but rather to educate the younger generation.

"We'll never really know what it was like, those of us who didn't

live through it. No one can explain it better than those who suffered through it."

The recorded stories are related, in the first person, all along the route through the museum.

THE SIMPLE recollections of childhood are soon swept away by the harsh realities of prohibitions and restrictions against the Jews, seen through a child's eyes: "They don't allow us to go ice skating any more, now when there is such wonderful ice. And they don't allow us to be in the public park either," records one child.

Another child attempts to be positive: "Something nice has happened. Jews are forbidden to go outside after eight o'clock at night. There are lots of other things which are forbidden to Jews, but that doesn't really bother me. What luck that mom and dad are Jews. Now they won't go out after I have gone to bed."

Despite the harshness of the events they describe, stories like that of Hanik from Poland are straightforward: "When the Ger-

mans came they took dad away, and we were never able to find him. I stayed with my mother and my sister Lily, who was then sixteen years old. I was only fourteen, but I was a big strong boy."

The stories continue at each station, from the beginnings of restrictions, the outbreak of war, attempts to flee, the deportation to the ghetto, ghetto life, and journey to the extermination camps.

At certain points the voices are replaced by an audiovisual presentation in which a child survivor recalls memories.

The circular building housing the museum was designed by Ram Karmi after an original concept by British architect Roman Halter, himself a survivor, and his son, artist Ardyan Halter of Pardess Hanna.

"The visitors are always in the midst of the exhibit, going through it, almost part of it. You never know what is coming around the next curve. It is like the discovery of a big, dark secret," says Kedem.

The exhibition route begins in the Memorial Hall, whose large

stained glass windows are based on the drawings of children from Theresienstadt. A downward spiral route takes in three-dimensional displays with a sound track and audiovisual stations. Visitors continue through the main exhibit areas, passing through exhibits recreating a ghetto, a large forest, a monastery, and concentration camp barracks.

The moving, poignant stories are typified by that of 12-year-old Aron, who escaped into the forest, where he joined a band of Russian partisans.

"Once I got to the forest, what I wanted most was to reach the good Russians because they had weapons and they are not afraid of the Germans. It was the beginning of Spring... I was beginning to give up hope when I suddenly heard a voice ask in Russian, 'Where are you going?'"

"I told him who I was and everything that had happened to me and he took me into his band. They received me very well, in spite of the fact that I was the smallest among them."

The museum exhibit route ends at an amphitheater, where an "eternal light" burns on the floor. The testimonies end on an optimistic note, speaking of rescue and liberation.

The Knesset
Because of the "Unto Every Man There is a Name" ceremony, there will be no guided tours of the Knesset today, April 27, 1995, Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day.

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Fifty years later

FOR decades, both friends and foes have been advising Jews to forget the Holocaust. Let the past die or it will kill you, say the well meaning. Stop exploiting the dead, say the hostile. And the more outspoken have turned Holocaust-denial into the modern version of the antisemitic blood libel.

Yet, a half-century after the liberation of the death camps, Jews refuse to forget. If anything, Jewish preoccupation with the Holocaust is greater than ever.

The reason is difficult to fathom. Nothing can ameliorate the trauma of the Holocaust, nor can anything compensate for it. But the establishment of Jewish sovereignty in Israel was expected to so engage the national vigor that there would be little emotional energy left for remembrance.

But now, in one of the least expected developments of our time, Israeli-born generations are fiercely interested in exploring how and why a third of the Jewish people was annihilated by what was considered the enlightened world's most advanced society; and young Jews view the Holocaust as an inseparable part of their lives.

Perhaps a likely explanation for this phenomenon is that it is difficult to discern the transfor-

mation in human conduct which the end of the war promised. To be sure, the Nazi regime was destroyed, and Western Europe is a benign, democratic union. And the ruthless, murderous Soviet empire has collapsed.

But brutal wars still rage on the continent. genocidal wars have bled Asia and Africa, and the Middle East is not only engaged in an insane arms race, but is threatened by Islamic militancy and the plague of terrorism. Perhaps most disturbingly, antisemitism, rendered disreputable for a few short years by the Holocaust, is again rampant, often masquerading as anti-Zionism. The assumption that the destruction of fascism would end all wars, and the hope that the Holocaust would never happen again are far more tenuous now than they were 50 years ago.

Yet it is essential to remember not only the heroism and martyrdom of the Holocaust, but the miraculous events since then. The establishment of Israel, its victories over would-be destroyers, the aliya and redemption of millions of Jews, and the economic and military strength of the Jewish nation are developments which 50 years ago seemed like wild fantasies. It may be salutary to view current dangers in the mirror of these years. It should reinforce Israel's faith in its ability to meet all challenges.

Rabin's decision time

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin has often been called a Hamlet, a man who has trouble making up his mind. With the July 1 deadline for concluding negotiations on the second phase of the Oslo agreement getting closer, he may not be able to afford the luxury of indecision.

He is being urged by the Palestinians, the US and his own left wing to proceed with the withdrawal of the army from the Arab population centers in Judea and Samaria, or else Israel's "peace partner" Yasser Arafat will lose both credibility and power. He is also being warned that unless the closure on the territories is lifted completely and permanently, growing instability, particularly in Gaza, will threaten the very existence of the Palestinian Authority. The only possible alternative seems to be paying the PA for the wages lost by Palestinian laborers as a result of the closure.

Rabin's dilemma is real enough. He is all too aware of the dangers of withdrawal in Judea and Samaria. According to his own general in the Gaza area, OC Southern Command Maj.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz, the "Gaza and Jericho First" experiment has failed.

The hopes that an orderly transfer of power to the Palestinians would result in the curbing of terrorism and close cooperation between the PA and Israel have not materialized. As Mofaz has put it, "Arafat has failed, failed, failed." Terrorism has doubled and tripled, and except for relatively insignificant information exchanges between the PA's security services and their Israeli counterparts, there is little cooperation.

Gaza and Jericho have become havens, training camps, and arsenals for terrorists. The more active ones are Islamic groups, but the recent apprehension of Fatah operatives by the General Security Service exposed the fact that, while Fatah has avoided attacks on Israelis in the past year, it is still killing "collaborators." Yet

despite the failure of the Gaza-Jericho experiment, it is idle to talk of reversing the situation - a solution suggested last year as an option if the test failed. The international community now accepts the PA as a budding government of a sovereign state. To enter Gaza would cause serious international repercussions.

The projected withdrawal from Judea and Samaria is just as irreversible. Any vacuum left by the Israeli army will immediately be filled by the PA, and the areas recognized as Palestinian territory by the world. To allow the Arab towns of Judea and Samaria, virtually all of which are close to Jewish communities inside the Green Line, to become terrorist bases like Gaza and Jericho is to expose large sections of Israel to a mortal threat.

To resolve this problem, Rabin seems to rely on "separation," a euphemism for closure. Only a few licensed Palestinian workers would be allowed to enter Israel, while various electronic fences and roadblocks would keep terrorists out. To compensate for the loss of income by the tens of thousands of Palestinians, Israel would compensate the PA with an amount equivalent to their salary. "Peace is not cheap," as Rabin put it to the cabinet yesterday.

To suppose that this kind of subsidy, even if it is used strictly to create jobs in the territories, will prevent the "deepening resentment for Israel" which Chief of the General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak believes the closure causes, is to overestimate the power of money and underestimate the intensity of Arab hostility.

But the chances of these subsidies reaching the workers are slim. The corruption of the PA is so widespread that the money will more likely end in the pockets of a few high officials, or spent on Arafat's security forces. There must be better ways to spend the Israeli taxpayers' hard-earned shekels.

OLEG

And terror shall reign

TWO weeks before the Oklahoma atrocity, 300 of the world's most fanatical Moslem terrorist chieftains from 80 countries gathered in Khartoum for a "spiritual reunion."

At the lavish opening reception in the Palace of Friendship, Western intelligence observers recognized at least 60 of the world's most dangerous fundamentalist chiefs - including PLO and Shi'ite inventors of the notorious car bomb.

Despite its billing as a prayer meeting, this rogues' assembly made Mafia-style "Murder Inc." gatherings in the America of the 1920s and 1930s look like kindergarten outings.

With the blessing of Sudan's ruler, Omar Hassan al-Bashir, and the ideologue Dr. Hassan al-Turabi, the "Khumeini of Khartoum," the delegates set out to coordinate future global terror acts. Chosen guests were summoned upstairs to the heavily guarded "Seventh Bureau" on the fifth floor of the palace.

As detailed by the *Watan Al-Arabi* Paris weekly, Turabi then spelled out the real message of the "Conference of Extremists": the downfall of all non-fundamentalist governments - including Moslem states - by bombing and political assassination.

Turabi's master plan follows the teaching of Ayatollah Khomeini. Moslems everywhere, in their mosques, universities and communities, are to be recruited as Allah's 20th-century warriors.

One honored visitor on the fifth floor was a US citizen, Akbar Mohammed, who declared himself not only the representative of the Umat al-Islam movement. As he told *Watan Al-Arabi*: "We are the American Hizbullah." The claim was substantiated by the man at his side, Sheikh Na'im Kassem, Lebanon's second-ranking Hizbullah commander.

Adel Hussein, a leading Egyptian opposition leader, warned the rest of the world in the Paris weekly: "We want you to know that we Moslems are awakening to a new dawn." This has become painfully clear to President Mubarak, who has been unable to prevent acts of terror not only against his security services, police and government officials, but also against Western tourists.

CIA observers have discovered that some of the \$120 million an-

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nual subsidy paid by Teheran to support the international fundamentalist terror network reaches the US. Lavish sums have been distributed to Moslem "charitable and social" organizations in New York, in areas like Brooklyn where there are heavy concentrations of Moslem citizens. Other Moslem groups across the US, in cities like Chicago, have received similar financing.

AMONG WESTERN observers, a sharp pair of expert eyes spotted an innocuous-looking figure who spent an inordinately long time closeted in the luxuriously Persian-carpeted confines of Suite 7.

A 'spiritual gathering' in Khartoum plotted the downfall of all non-fundamentalist governments

The coded message, "Imad Mughniyeh is en route from here to Beirut via Riyadh in three days' time," caused a buzz of intense excitement at FBI headquarters. Within hours, its elite agents were speeding across the Atlantic toward Saudi Arabia, where they planned to arrest Mughniyeh and fly him to the US to answer charges of having murdered Americans.

Mughniyeh shuns all publicity. Unlike other terrorist chieftains such as Yasser Arafat, Abu Nidal, Ahmed Jibril, and George Habash, he operates out of the spotlight. Considered the father of car-bomb terrorism, Mughniyeh is ranked by the FBI as the most dangerous terrorist alive. He is believed to have been behind the bombing of the Israeli Embassy in London last summer.

He also masterminded the car-bombing operation that killed 241 American Marines in Beirut in 1983, and organized the 1985 hijacking of a TWA plane flying between Athens and Rome, during which Robert Dean Stethem, an American diver, was brutally murdered.

Mughniyeh was also Hizbullah security chief in Lebanon, responsible for holding American

hostages in captivity in the 1980s. He was secretly indicted for so doing by a US court.

American law enforcement officers have sworn to bring him to justice. But to their astonishment and that of Secretary of State Christopher, the Saudis foiled FBI plans to grab Mughniyeh at Riyadh airport by refusing to let his plane land there. The flight continued to Beirut, where Mughniyeh disappeared. The frustrated FBI men had to return empty-handed to the US. To add insult to injury, the Saudis haven't even responded to the crescendo of protests from Washington.

In contrast, Mubarak showed no hesitation over arresting another Moslem terrorist, Abu Halima, who sought asylum in Cairo after fleeing from the US. The Egyptian secret police obligingly "shish-kebabs" Halima - as they call the process in Cairo - to extract a confession to the murder of Rabbi Meir Kahane in New York, and to his role in the bombing of New York's World Trade Center. He was then returned to the US to face trial.

Nor did authorities in another Moslem country, Pakistan, object when US agents grabbed Ramzi Youssef, another Moslem terrorist sheltering in Karachi, and flew him to the US to stand trial for the same crimes. In the past few days, Youssef has also been charged for attempting to bomb American airliners.

American anger at Saudi Arabia is understandable. After all, the US saved its royal rulers in Riyadh when Saddam Hussein occupied Kuwait.

Yet the White House should know better. Riyadh's policy has always been to pay protection money to every bully-boy terrorist leader in the Middle East. Its kings "donated" hundreds of millions of dollars to Arafat for decades to prevent PLO actions in their back yard. Today, the Saudis directly finance Hamas killers at their Amman HQ.

The bottom line of the Mughniyeh episode is simple: To keep an international car-bomb killer in business, the Saudis don't give a fig about failing to honor an elementary obligation to their closest ally, the United States.

The writers are authors of *The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and other books on the Middle East*.

POSTSCRIPTS

MOFID A-SHEIKH's goat was like the proverbial goose that laid the golden egg. As with that fabulous fowl of fable, the goat's goose was cooked precisely because of the riches it wrought.

For a while, the billy - featured here in Postscripts recently - was probably the world's most famous goat. It boasted both male and female organs and produced milk that, according to a hastily formulated legend, was said to contain special properties that could help cure medical problems, particularly infertility and lack of libido.

A-Sheikh did not milk the phenomenon for all it was worth. He rationed the precious liquid to just two cups a day because, he explained, "It is only a little udder." He charged NIS 100 per cup.

Reverential pilgrims flocked to Sinarya from throughout the Arab world, hoping the drink would help make their wives pregnant.

But then, early this month, the story took a stunning turn: Sheikh slaughtered the goat.

He claimed he could not take the pressure of masses of people who descended on his sleepy village after international and local media exposure. His neighbors had begged him to spare the life of the five-year-old prodigy.

Sheikh denied rumors that Hamas had ordered him to kill the goat, but journalists working in the territories believe an order from Hamas is the most likely reason Sheikh suddenly eliminated his most liquid asset.

However, like a takeoff of a *Planet of the Apes* plot twist, the story may not end there: Sinarya residents are hoping that the kids recently born to the goat's sister will develop the same life-giving trait.

Liat Collins

THE PROSECUTION and the defense argued their case. The

Spilt soup

D. HENRY SATTLER

OFFICIALLY, World War II was over. But for those who had survived the camps, the ordeal went on.

A survivor of the Krakow-Plaszow camp, then of Auschwitz and finally Dachau, I was on a cattle train transporting us to the Bavarian Alps, where we were to be shot. It was April 30, 1945.

At the little town of Poing, the stationmaster came over and said something to the SS officer in charge of the train. Apparently a bridge had been bombed, and we couldn't go on. The Americans were near. At this news, most of our SS guards began to flee.

We watched through a tiny window covered by barbed wire. The train was sealed from the outside, and we had been without food or water for two weeks, apart from a few drops of rain licked off the wagon walls.

Many survivors were very sick and exhausted. Many already lay dead on the wagon floor.

Then suddenly the doors were unsealed, and we saw some German organization - the Red Cross, perhaps - approaching with kettles of hot soup. There were at least 100 cattle cars, and those in the first and second had already had their soup. I was in the third car, waiting with bated breath.

We hadn't eaten in two weeks. Horrified, we watched our first meal drain away.

Suddenly Allied planes appeared in the sky. Flying low, they machine-gunned the train - and the soup kettles. Some people were killed, others badly wounded. We gazed at the spilt soup with horror.

The train began to move out slowly. Trains carrying the retreating German Army had priority, and we would go perhaps half a mile, then stand still for several hours. We were glad the Allies were close, but when would our ordeal end? No one knew.

A little further on, we had been standing in the town of Seeshaupt for many hours, when on the horizon we saw a long line of moving trucks: a US Army convoy. Panicked, the rest of our SS guards fled into the nearest forest, tearing SS insignia off their uniforms as they went. Only a few Hungarian SS volunteers remained.

Our wagons were finally unsealed. The Americans pinned POW signs onto the Hungarians, and led them off to a POW camp.

MY WAGON had originally held 120 prisoners. Nineteen were left barely alive. I was taken to a hospital in Feldafing, on the other side of Lake Starnberg.

I weighed about 31 kg. The US Army doctor who examined me expressed surprise that I was still alive. Many survivors died after the liberation, from sickness, sheer exhaustion, or a sudden change in diet.

The American soldiers, to whom the survivors looked like skeletons covered with thin, gray skin, had pity on their faces and tears in their eyes. They tried to help us any way they could. Some fed us their army rations of pork and beans.

After so many years of near-starvation, such kindness could kill. Many survivors who had managed to cheat the gas chambers and crematoria fell victim to their weakened digestive tracts.

But I was a teenager, and of healthy stock. In three months, I could walk again.

Shortly after my discharge from hospital, Feldafing Camp was visited by generals Dwight D. Eisenhower and George Patton, who were touring displaced persons' camps in the so-called American Zone of Occupation.

I was one of only two survivors in the camp who could speak English fluently. The other was Erwin Tichauer, now a professor at New York University. We were asked to translate the generals' enquiries to the survivors, and translate the replies back. Photographs from that time show Tichauer and myself in these unexpected roles.

Of my family, I have just one photograph. It shows my father Samuel, my mother Felicia, my brother Michael and several aunts, uncles and cousins enjoying a vacation at Zawoja, south of Cracow. All of them were killed by the Nazis.

The writer lives in New Jersey.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MORE ON LETTY COTTIN POGREBIN

Sir, - Is Letty Cottin Pogrebin a "pro-PLO activist," as your March 10 editorial asserted? Or is such a characterization "slanderous" as Martin J. Gidron contends (*Letters*, March 23)? And is Gidron correct when he claims that Pogrebin's most recent book demonstrates her commitment to fighting "antisemitism and reflexive Israel-haters"? Pogrebin's record speaks for itself. She is a member of the Advisory Board of the New Jewish Agenda, an openly pro-PLO organization. (An American Jewish Committee study of Agenda concluded: "Although NJA policies and platforms speak of a commitment 'to the existence of Israel,' there is a paucity of literature and activities that would reflect such commitment.") She is an "endorser" of the Jewish Peace Lobby, another pro-PLO group, which was established at the suggestion of Yasser Arafat for the purpose of lobbying in Washington on behalf of PLO statehood. Pogrebin has said that the "plight" of the Palestinian Arabs is similar to the suffering of the Jewish slaves in ancient Egypt (*Long Island Jewish World*, April 10-16, 1992). She has also compared the Arabs to the Soviet Jewish refugees of the 1970s (*Moment*, June 1990). Writing in *Tikkun* (November-December 1993), Pogrebin demanded that Israel agree to "compromise on Jerusalem" through a system of "shared control" of the city with the PLO.

As for Pogrebin's book, *Deborah, Golda and Me*, which Gidron found so impressive, let it be noted that in its pages, Pogrebin writes: "On feminist ideology, I often feel more in tune with the Palestinians than with my Jewish sisters" (p. 61); "Palestine must exist in order for Israel to exist" (p. 376); and she describes how she and her friends "speculated" with PLO supporter Hanna Siniara "about the positive consequences of the intifada... if Palestinian violence remained limited to stone throwing, it would provide daily proof that the status quo is intolerable... It would force Jews and others to bury the illusion that everything is okay in this corner of the world..." (p. 349).

Pogrebin's book also contains some fascinating hints as to the source of her pro-Arab attitudes. The book brims with hostile remarks about her father, whom she describes as a pro-Israel activist. "When I needed my father, he was taking care of his other baby, his favored child [Israel]," she wrote (p. 166). She even went so far as to refrain from having her infant sons circumcised because "I did not want those I loved to be covenanted in the faith of the father who betrayed me" (p. 45).

HERBERT ZWEIBON,
Chairman,
Americans For a Safe Israel,
New York.

LITERAL TRANSLATION

Sir, - The *Jerusalem Post* translated Minister Sarid's comment regarding Netzarim being an *etzem b'garon* as a bone in the throat (April 9). The next day, Oleg's caricature carried the caption "We have to get rid of this bone in our throat" (April 10).

The staff of *The Jerusalem Post* must take care not to translate expressions, idioms, sayings, etc., word for word. There is no such expression in English as "a bone in our throat." The English equivalent for *etzem b'garon* is "a thorn in our side" or, to use the Biblical expression, "a thorn in the flesh."

ARI KERNERMAN

Tel Aviv. The *Jerusalem Post* is all too aware of the difficulty in translating idiomatic expressions. In reporting the pronouncements of politicians, the paper prefers to err on the side of accuracy, even if it means sacrificing style. Ed. - J.P.

UNNECESSARILY RUDE

Sir, - Susan Hattis Rolet should be reminded that politeness is part of political science and being "human."

Was it necessary to describe the state comptroller in such rude terms in her article of April 10, "Only human"? Or is this an example of a poor sense of humor?

While I agree with most of the views expressed in the article, these views are not reinforced by unnecessary pejoration.

Rehovot.

ELLIS WYNICK

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Spilt soup

D. HENRY SATTLER

OFFICIALLY, World War II was over. But for the thousands of Jews who had survived the Holocaust, the war was far from over. It was a war that had left them orphaned, homeless, and with no one to turn to for help. They were the "displaced persons," the "DPs," who were left to fend for themselves in a world that had forgotten them. They were the "spilt soup" of the Holocaust.

Accept father's new girlfriend or lose him

DEAR RUTHIE
RUTHIE BLUM



Dear Ruthie,
My father, who is 65, left my mother to live with a 30-year-old woman. My mother is a wreck, and I don't want to have anything to do with this other woman, who is younger than I am. I still adore him, but I feel he is being totally unreasonable. He says he will not come to a party at my house if his girlfriend isn't welcome. What can I do?
Daughter in Distress
Somewhere in Israel

Dear D in D,
Your father has the right to demand that his current partner be accepted. Though you may feel slighted by his priorities, don't forget that the woman he left was your mother - not you. You, too, have rights - one of them being to reject your father's demand. But consider the cost. Your father is making an attempt to "bargain down" the price of his actions. By not welcoming his woman friend, you are announcing that the price is not negotiable. On the other hand, in the process you will suffer the loss of a parent you "adore."

Dear Ruthie,
When I got divorced five years ago, I didn't care whether I ever saw another man for the rest of my life. But now I'm ready to have someone in my life. The problem is that all the men I meet are married, gay, too young, or

completely screwed up. Is there any hope for someone like me?
Demoralized Divorcee
Somewhere in Israel

Dear Demoralized,
Finding a man is like looking for an apartment. Since you only need one, it doesn't matter that most are unsuitable. The idea that there is a reservoir of good choices from which to select Mr. Perfect comes from fairy tales. Once you accept this, there will be endless hope for you to meet an available, heterosexual man.

Dear Ruthie,
When we retired, I finally fulfilled a lifelong dream and bought a puppy. She's been with us a year now, and gives me a lot of pleasure. But my wife complains about the dirt, and hair the dog sheds. How can we resolve this?
Canine-Curbed
Ashkelon

Dear CC,
If your wife doesn't want to clean up after the dog, you should do it. Ask her for a trial period during which you promise to keep the house spotless - or at least hairless. Either she'll resign herself to the dog, or you'll get tired of the housework.

Letters should be addressed to: "Dear Ruthie," POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. (Ruthie regrets not being able to guarantee publication of every letter, but will answer every letter received.)

Drag queen gives lessons in how to be a woman

BOOKS
RICHARD EDER

FLESH AND BLOOD by Michael Cunningham. Farrar, Straus & Giroux. 465 pp. \$22.

THE characters are as follows: a Greek-American contractor, crude and demanding; his frigid, refined and lonely wife; their gay son, defiant and in increasingly violent conflict with his father; a daughter, even more compulsively correct than her mother, who marries a lawyer and flees to suburban respectability; and a hippie daughter who flees to the East Village, has a son by one of her drugged-out pickups and contracts AIDS. Is *Flesh and Blood* an American tragedy? And what is it doing in the hands of Cunningham, perhaps the most brilliant of the many novelists who have dealt with gay themes over the past dozen years, and one of the US's very best writers, in any case, on any theme? Author of the searing, humane and beautifully balanced *A Home at the End of the World*, Cunningham has now written something more risky and far less balanced. By the time he finishes, he has produced a work of dramatic humanity at a high and poetic level.

But to get up to that level - and this is the risk he takes and the price his readers pay - he erects a high, ramshackle scaffolding. For its first 150 pages or so, *Flesh and Blood* is a novel of unrelieved family dysfunction, with characters and situations that are almost unrelieved clichés. That the writing up to this point is sometimes beautiful almost makes matters worse.

As the children of Constantine and Mary grow up, and the family moves from a New Jersey slum to a New Jersey mansion, we are on a plague ship. Cunningham conducts us through his storm-tossed charnel house wearing an authorial surgical mask. He presents the illnesses rather than the patients, the ugliness rather than the ugly, the injury rather than the injured.

One obvious scene follows the other. Working like a dog to get ahead, and feeling unappreciated, Constantine smashes Mary's Easter baskets. At the age of eight, Billy cries when his father offers to buy him a football instead of a toy horse; at 12, he mocks Constantine's ignorance of geography and gets a beating; in high school he has a crush on another boy; at Harvard he lets an aging beatnik seduce him. Mary withdraws nervously into shoplifting and pills.

Susan, a cheerleader conformist, tests her sexual power on her high-school boyfriend and goes home to give her drunk and self-pitying father a seductive kiss. He returns it and keeps after her until she hastily leaves home to get married.

Only Zoe, fey and elusive, stays free. She helps Constantine with his only innocent passion - his garden - and as a child she eludes the bossy Susan by climbing a tree. Almost as if to encourage us to persist through this first unpromising section, Cunningham gives us a taste of the writing that comes later. Her authority flouts, Susan watches her little sister climb. "She believed that Zoe was rising toward an accident more engendered by the sky than the earth."

Billy leaves home in anger, rejects an architectural career because it would please his father, settles for teaching primary school in Boston, and drifts through various gay attachments. After one awful encounter with a menacing pervert, he pumps iron and succeeds in becoming a pseudo-hunk. "He was handsome now that he had invented a self, settled and sure like a garden devoted to one crop," Cunningham writes with gentle irony.

Billy - now Will - has still not found himself.

Neither has Susan, who lives a correct suburban life with her successful lawyer husband. She has a stereotypical Lady Chatterley affair with her tree surgeon. Conformity is Susan's revenge on her past, as rebellion is Billy's, and both are sterile.

Zoe opens herself further and is the first to free herself, though in her case freedom turns tragic. She experiments with drugs and lovers and drifts until an affair with a spaced-out black man gives her a baby and an HIV-positive reading. By now she has found Cassandra, though.

Cassandra is the vital center of the book, and its agent of transformation. Originally Bertram Butz, she is a transvestite performer - "she" because she feels herself to be a woman in all but the technical sense - who came to New York after a year of graduate school in the Midwest. Had she stayed, she explains, she would have ended up as an effeminate English teacher with crushes on the male students.

She becomes a comically inspired mentor to Mary, who has divorced Constantine and is trying to learn how to lose her inhibitions, become independent and make friends with her grown children. Cassandra's toughness and tenderness win her over. The old drag queen, herself afflicted with AIDS, has lessons to impart in the majesty of a woman's aging, in what to relinquish and seize, in how to act the role you are dealt until you can become it.

Cunningham - it is his triumph and perhaps a limitation as well - gives this convert a deeper knowledge of how to be a woman than any of his real women possess.

(Los Angeles Times)

They shimmer under gilded chandeliers

A dazzling collection of costumes worn by stars is on display in the Paris Opera House, Marilyn August reports



A mannequin displays an exceptionally long cloak on the Palais Garnier's marble staircase. (AP)

HARKING back to the days when opera-going was to see and be seen, the gilded rotunda of the Paris Opera has come alive with some 200 dazzling costumes worn by stars in the century's most famous opera and ballet productions.

Mannequins made of black foam wear outfits fashioned in silk, satin, velvet and lace encrusted with semiprecious gems, sequins, gold embroidery - and even plastic.

They lean over balconies on three levels, sit in cozy niches or look as if they're striding up the Palais Garnier's magnificent marble staircase - all to a medley of opera favorites.

The opera house currently is closed for renovations, and the season's performances have been transferred to the high-tech Opera Bastille. Meanwhile, visitors can treat themselves to a lavish costume show.

Shimmering under gilded chandeliers, an embroidered red cloak designed by Jacques Dupont for Verdi's *Don Carlos* is the first costume visitors see. Arms spread, head thrown back, the model flings the cape over his back - draped over eight steps of the staircase.

"I wanted the installation of the costumes to suggest the days when people went to the opera not only to see, but to be seen," said Alain Germain, a choreographer who installed the exhibition.

The costumes are the work of some of the century's biggest names in the arts and fashion, including Yves Saint-Laurent, Jean Cocteau and Erte.

Christian Lacroix designed sexy tutus for *Les Angles Terres*, a modern ballet set to the jazz music of Charles Mingus and performed in 1987.

Pablo Picasso put his signature on peasant dresses taken out of storage and worn by ballet dancers in a 1992 production of *Le Tricorne*.

Director Bob Wilson fashioned ultramodern, sack-shaped dresses for an innovative production of *Madama Butterfly* performed last year at the Opera Bastille.

But most of all, the outfits are lavish testimonies to the anonymous dressmakers who worked magic with feathers, pearls and rhinestones.

"The show is a tribute to many professionals who are now an endangered species - hat-makers, cobblers, tailors, wig-makers," said Martine Kahane, the opera's cultural director.

Here, at least, traditions endure. Costumes and headpieces, no matter how intricate, are one-of-a-kind creations made by hand in the opera's workshops.

One section of the show is devoted to new techniques that are replacing the eye-straining, time-consuming handwork.

Look at a waistcoat worn in *Carmen* under the spotlights and you'd swear it's embroidered in gold and silver. That look, in fact, is simply serigraphy - high-tech ink that blows up when dry.

Kahane said she sorted through more than 1,000 costumes, including a pair of pantyhose from the mid-19th century. The pantyhose were worn with a harness to keep them up.

Other highlights include an intricately embroidered gentleman's day suit which is really not a costume at all. It was stolen from the Versailles Palace during the French Revolution and used as a costume - until experts realized its historical value. The suit still has the palace label.

Also on show is the Prince Siegfried costume worn by Rudolf Nureyev in *Swan Lake*, designed by Franca Squarciapino in 1984, and two ordinary-looking, chiffon gowns Maria Callas donned for a 1964 production of *Norma*.

"L'Opera Cote Costumes" runs through September 30. The 30-franc (NIS 18) entry fee includes a visit to the costume museum, whose archives boast 75,000 pieces. The oldest outfit, in a glass case, dates to the 17th century. (Associated Press)

How to give drooping cabinet doors a lift

FIX IT YOURSELF
TAL KATZ

UNALIGNED cabinet doors are an eyesore and a nuisance to use. And the lack of alignment can damage both the doors and the cabinet.

If your doors droop, tilt or refuse to shut without being coaxed, you can bet your bottom self you've got a hinge problem on your hands. Adjusting these culprits is a simple procedure.

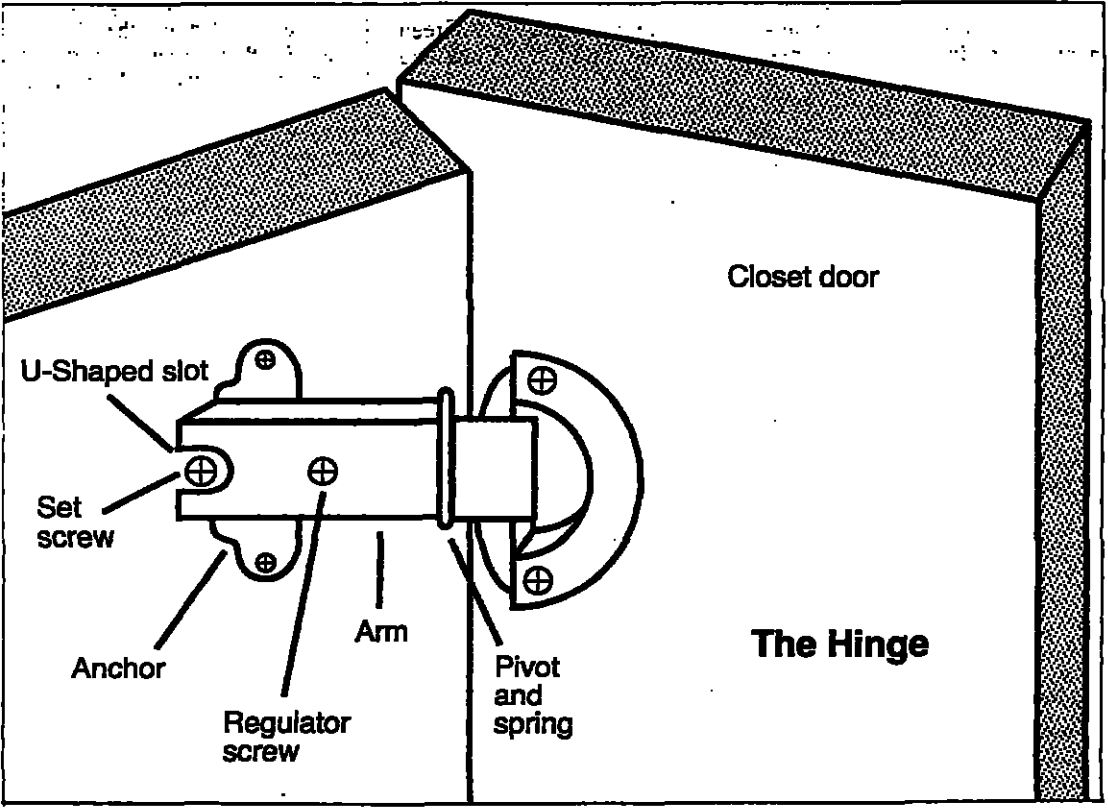
This repair applies to hinges with a spring, widely used in modern wardrobes and kitchen cabinets in this country.

MATERIALS REQUIRED
Screwdriver (maver) that fits the screws securing the hinge; tape measure (meter) or level (peles), optional.

Get to know your hinge: Open the sagging cupboard door. Inside, at the point where the door meets the cabinet, there will be two or more hinges (zirim). The hinge is usually metal, though the parts attaching it to the door and cabinet may be plastic.

Each hinge consists of two main parts - an anchor (ogen) which, throughout this repair, remains stationary, and a pivoting arm (zro'a) with a spring. The anchor is located on the inner wall of the cabinet, close to the edge. The arm is attached to the inner edge of the door. (The pivot enables the door to open and close, while the spring serves to "clomp" the door open or shut.)

A "setscrew" attaches the arm to the anchor. (To remove a door from the cabinet, the setscrews of all hinges with an oval hole must be removed.) Use the setscrew to adjust how far the door is set



from the cabinet itself. Another screw in the arm, between the setscrew and the pivot, is used to adjust the door's alignment sideways with the cabinet and adjacent doors. Let's call it "the regulator."

The regulator is usually smaller than the setscrew, so two screwdrivers may be necessary. Some brands of hinges have a headless regulator (one with a slot directly on the thread). This will be apparent if the regulator is "hidden" in its hole. In this case, use a screwdriver small enough to get into the hole.

[Note: If other screws are visible, ignore them. They serve to

attach each part of the hinge to the wood (or other material) of the door or cabinet. These should only be touched when installing a new hinge.] The arm will have either a U-shaped slot or an oval hole through which the setscrew is inserted.

The oval or U-shape gives the arm leeway around the setscrew for forward-back adjustment of the door. To achieve complete alignment of the door - such that it is flush with neighboring doors or drawers, and properly parallel or perpendicular to them - you will be performing a kind of dance between the setscrew and the regulator.

DIRECTIONS
Open the door. Loosen the setscrews of each hinge, unscrewing about two twists of the wrist. Hold the door along its edge, and pull it toward you. It should move about 1/2 centimeter.

Now retighten the setscrews by about one twist of the wrist. Close the door carefully and press your open palm along the edge of it - on the side opposite the hinges. (Usually, this is the side on which the door handle is located.)

With your other hand, pound with the fleshy part of your fist at the back of each hinge. (Since the hinges are not visi-

ble here, you will estimate their location.)

[Once the door is flush against the cabinet, open it carefully and tighten the setscrews tightly.

Though now flush, the door may still be out of place.

If the spacing around the door is uneven, side-to-side adjustment will be required. Here is where the regulator comes into play.

[To judge uneven spacing, your eyesight should suffice, but perfectionists can use a tape measure or level for added certainty. Severe unevenness will cause the door to bump into its neighbors.]

Before fiddling with the regulator, two principles should be kept in mind: (1) The regulator and the setscrew always move in opposite directions from one another.

To tighten the regulator, you must first loosen the setscrew.

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Tightening the regulator causes movement away from the hinge and loosening it causes movement toward the hinge.

For example, if the upper part of a two-hinged door which opens to the left is tilting toward the right, the regulator of the top hinge must be loosened.

[Don't worry if you didn't get that straight. Trial and error can be applied when in doubt.]

It is only necessary to turn the screws about a one-half of a twist in either direction during this process.

After adjusting one of the hinges, the other may then require some adjustment.

If you have a question or can suggest simple solutions to annoying problems, write to: Fix It Yourself, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

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Even Dorin Frankfurt, whose specialty is camouflage layering with flowing tunics, has suddenly resorted to tapered silhouettes and hemlines that barely graze the knee.

Romance is in, so belt up for summer

FLAIR

GREER FAY CASHMAN

IN trashy romantic novels, the heroine is usually waif-like and incredibly thin. If the romance is going badly, she's starving herself; if it's blossoming, she's so happy that she doesn't need to eat.

On this basis, romantic fashions are automatically associated with wasp waists and slim silhouettes.

And since fashion this season is definitely romantic, those who want to look good in their new summer outfits should immediately get rid of excess flab.

Even Dorin Frankfurt, whose specialty is camouflage layering via flowing tunics or jackets over long, tubular skirts, has suddenly resorted to tapered silhouettes and hemlines which barely graze the knee.

Layering still appears in Hagara's collection, but only to suggest movement. In other respects, her styling follows the natural curves of the body.

Ilana Efrati has also nipped in her waists and adopted a more tailored cut, while the French Morgan fashions stocked by many Israeli retail outlets tend to be retrospective, with the nostalgia focus primarily on short and sexy A-line dresses.

Cutaway tunics revealing navels over the waistbands of skirts are Cerruti's way of emphasizing taut torsos.

Underwear as outerwear (which owes so much of its popularity to Madonna), is less visible than it was last summer, but can still be seen in several collections. There is no doubt that underwear inspired designer Yarden Ziv in her latest effort on behalf of Honigman.

None of this means that you have to toss out all those loose-fitting outfits you wore last year. Just get an eye-catching belt that flatters your figure, and you'll be right in fashion. When the wasp waist has run its course, just get rid of the belt.



The short and sexy A-line dress, by Morgan, the French fashion line available in many retail stores here, is complemented by a thin belt.

Sock holders get 'em and keep 'em together

OFF THE SHELF

MARTHA MEISELS

EVERYONE knows what black holes are. That's where missing socks go.

A new product called Little Feet is meant to stop socks from disappearing in the laundry. It is a set of plastic sock holders in the shape of feet. Each holder has slits in which to insert the two socks of a matching pair.

Firmly gripped in the Little Feet, the paired socks go through a washing machine and clothes dryer without getting separated. They can also be hung on a line while still in the holders.

I've tried out the product and it is easy to use, with one proviso: You must take the time and trouble to match up the dirty socks and insert them into Little Feet before laundering. Try training family members to do this with their own socks before tossing them into the laundry hamper.

Made of bright colored flexible plastic, the sock holders are said to be durable at any washing and drying temperature. They are manufactured by a British company called M.I.A. (for Missing in Action). Imported by I. Goldenberg of Azur, they are distributed by Svetla of Rehovot (08-461651).

The first shipments of Little Feet have just been delivered to a number of chain stores, which will sell packs of five for NIS 9 to NIS 10. Chains which have taken orders include Kne u-Vne, Super-Sol, Hypercol, Hagal Hayarok, Super Center, Hyper Co-op, and Co-op Tzafon.

In the UK, where the product came out earlier this year, Little Feet is being promoted with the catchy slogan "Practice Safe Socks."

A footnote: The importer of Little Feet reports interest from the Association for the Blind, which has been using a similar device from the US in order to help the blind keep their socks in mated colors.

A colleague has another solution to pairing socks: Save the blue rings from two-liter milk bottles which snap off the cap the first time you open them. They do the same job and the milk only costs a few agorot more per liter

than in the standard bags.

ISRAEL'S flagship sock manufacturer, Delta, is letting babies and toddlers show the flag on their feet this Independence Day. The blue-and-white national banner appears on white socks for little feet, up to about age two. They sell for NIS 8.50 a pair at major chain stores and some independent shops.

I'm not enthusiastic about the idea of any national flag appearing on clothing, although I know this is done widely in the West—even, irreverently, on underwear. To the best of my knowledge, there is no law here against printing flags on socks. Perhaps there should be.

HAAGEN-DAZS ice cream, the famous American brand, is arriving from its factory in France just in time for our 47th national birthday party. As of May 1, it will be available at 200 outlets in the Super-Sol, Blue Square Co-op, Co-op Ra'anana, Shekem and Clal Pharm chains.

A 450-gram (approximately half-liter) carton will sell for NIS 19.99—making Haagen-Dazs the most expensive ice cream in Israel. The product is certified kosher by the Orthodox Union (OU). There are no plans to manufacture it here.

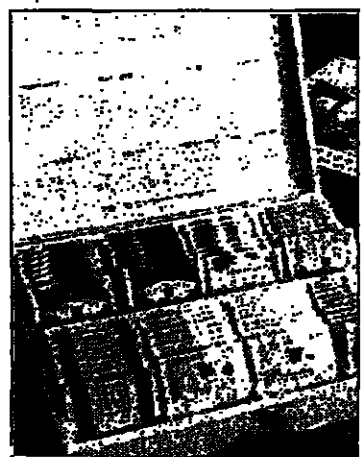
Ten flavors will make their local debut next week: vanilla, strawberry, chocolate with chocolate chips, Belgian chocolate, praline, macadamia nut, rum-and-raisin, caramel and cappuccino.

Sometime in May, Haagen-Dazs Israel will open the first of a chain of ice cream parlors—in Tel Aviv's Dizengoff Center. The next two branches will be in Kiryat Savoyon (near Savoyon) and in Ramat Hasharon.

Under a special arrangement with the Domino's Pizza chain, three flavors—vanilla fudge, vanilla pecan and Belgian chocolate—will be available for home delivery, either together with its pizza, or for two or more pints of ice cream.

For those who still don't know, Haagen-Dazs is a made-up name which means absolutely nothing in any language, but was meant to convey a sense of Continental quality and Scandinavian cold.

The local franchise holders



Gift idea: 'The Magic Tea Box' from Wissotzky is a hinged wooden chest that contains eight selections of tea, with descriptions of them in English and Hebrew.

promise to ensure that all its ice cream will be properly transported at minus-30°C in a special fleet of vehicles set up by a new distribution company, Frostiv, in which Tivall holds the controlling interest.

A NEW summer treat for youngsters is Thruva's individual Milkshake in three flavors: vanilla, chocolate and strawberry. A 250-milliliter carton, complete with flexible straw, sells for NIS 2.12. It is easily recognizable by the black background of the carton.

Because it is made of long-life milk, it does not require refrigerated storage until opened. However, in order to be enjoyed properly, it should be well chilled and then shaken for 20 seconds before opening. Thanks to its bendable straw, an unfinished carton can be put back in the fridge with little danger of spilling.

Grownups may like these milkshakes too, but should bear in mind that each 100-ml. contains 92 calories.

Thruva also offers a new individual-pack chocolate milk, also from long-life milk, at NIS 1.70 for 250 ml. It's in a multicolored carton marked simply "Choco."

FOR THOSE keeping a close watch on their diets, fruit juices are a smarter warm weather choice.

Prigat of Kibbutz Givat Haim has just come out with tall cartons of fresh-squeezed orange and grapefruit juice, called S'hutari (a composite of "fresh" and "squeezed").

Its main drawback is price: NIS 7.20 per liter. To justify the price in a country flowing with citrus fruit, Prigat marks on the labels "produced from 14 oranges" and "produced from nine grapefruits."

Being of a suspicious nature, I tried an experiment of my own. I found four large oranges (not specifically juice oranges) in my refrigerator, which happened to weigh exactly one kilo. Using the juicer on a mixer, I produced just under half a liter of juice.

My neighborhood supermarket is selling oranges for NIS 2.99 this week, grapefruit for NIS 1.99. At that rate, it would cost me over NIS 6 to make a liter of fresh squeezed juice at home.

Assuming that the factory uses smaller oranges, it might indeed take 14 of them to produce a liter of juice. Of course, the producers of Prigat do not pay retail prices for their fruit, and they get the varieties with the most juice and thinnest skin.

Whether it is reasonable to pay NIS 7.20 for a carton of fresh-squeezed juice must remain an individual decision. Another excuse for its high price is its short shelf life, compared to other types of orange juice.

For my money and convenience, I am happy with Prigat's frozen natural orange juice, at NIS 4.15 for a container which makes one liter.

DIABETICS AND other dieters should welcome the new Diet Prigat, a low-calorie fruit nectar with no added sugar. It bears the seal of approval of the Israel Diabetes Association—incidentally, the only words of English on the labeling.

Nectar is a term for fruit drinks which contain a high percentage of fruit plus water and sweeteners.

Instead of sugar, the Diet Prigat nectars use aspartame and acesulfame-K. Each 100 ml. of beverage contains 13 calories. Flavors available so far are mango and plum.

In accordance with the de-

mands of the Diabetes Association, each glass of nectar (200 ml.) contains only six grams of carbohydrates. Under the association's recommendations, a diabetic should drink no more than two glasses of this nectar per day, and each glassful constitutes a substitute for a serving of fruit.

The retail price is NIS 5.40 per liter carton.

THE MAGIC Tea Box from the Wissotzky tea manufacturers makes a very impressive gift—but most of the NIS 69 price is for the box.

It is a hinged wooden chest about the size of a thick telephone directory. The cover illustration is straight out of India, elephant and all.

Inside are eight sections with bags of herbal teas, fruit-flavored teas, and Earl Grey tea, eight of each kind. The inside lid gives a detailed description of each in English and Hebrew.

Such teas, when sold in ordinary paper boxes, average less than 25 agorot per bag, which means that the total value of the tea in The Magic Tea Box is probably no more than NIS 16. The rest is for the decorative box and the concept itself.

The gift box is available thus far at some specialty food shops and at the Matana gift-shop chain. I wondered whether the flavors cross over from one another, since the open box smells like one big tea garden, but Wissotzky claims the individual paper envelopes are sufficient to protect the integrity of each flavor.

Teas such as those found in the box, however, are available at any supermarket in simple paper boxes. Three of the newest are Wissotzky's cherry, raspberry and mango teas—all of which consist of real tea leaves with the addition of dried fruit and fruit flavor. A package of 25 bags sells for NIS 5.90.

In contrast are Lipton's latest herbal infusions (*halitot*); they're not called "teas" because they don't contain tea leaves, so they are also labeled "caffeine free."

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Coffee, anyone?

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Klinsmann, Cantona, Gascoigne likely to swap clubs

LONDON (AP) — Jürgen Klinsmann appears to be headed from Tottenham to Bayern Munich. Manchester United's Eric Cantona is considering a move to Inter Milan. Lazio's Paul Gascoigne could be coming home to England.

According to reports, the careers of English soccer's three most colorful characters will take new twists in the next few days.

Klinsmann's first season in English soccer looks like it could be his last.

The 30-year-old captain of the German national team, who has scored 27 goals for Tottenham, has been approached by Bayern Munich to play in the Bundesliga next season and the former Inter Milan and Monaco striker has promised an answer soon.

"It's an honor if Franz Beckenbauer gives you a call and asks 'Juergen, is there any possibility of your coming to Bayern?'" the Tottenham striker said.

"I have to think about living and playing in Germany, think about where I am going to put down my roots after football."

Tottenham hopes to stop him going by offering him a new deal. But British reports were pessimistic about him staying and added that Spurs also are likely to lose their two Romanian World Cup stars, Ilie Dumitrescu and Giga Popescu.

Cantona, meanwhile, is thinking over an improved contract with Manchester United or a lucrative move to Inter Milan.

Reports said the 28-year-old French striker, banned from playing anywhere until October for kicking a taunting Crystal Palace fan during a league game January 25, will let Manchester United know his decision tomorrow.

Though Cantona is respected as an extremely talented player,

Dodgers win opener as Marlins' rally fails

Big league umpires still locked out, fans give lukewarm welcome

MIAMI (AP) — Fans greeted baseball's return with boos before the game and cheers at the finish.

The Los Angeles Dodgers withstood Florida's ninth-inning rally Tuesday night to beat the Marlins 8-7 in a game that ended baseball's record 257-day layoff.

Raul Mondesi had two homers, a double and four RBIs for the Dodgers. They led 8-2, but Florida scored one run in the eighth and four in the ninth before rookie Charles Johnson struck out with two on to end the game.

"That was an exciting game," Dodgers manager Tom Lasorda said. "The fans loved it, and it scared the hell out of me."

While locked-out umpires picketed outside the stadium, replacement umpires worked without any arguments, but drew criticism from the players.

Although there were a few thousand empty seats on opening night, the crowd of 42,125 was announced as a sellout. Fans vented their bitterness toward baseball's labor problems when the teams were introduced before the game.

With both clubs lined up along the base paths, the public address announcer explained that in a gesture of gratitude for fan support, the players would tip their caps.

"We looked at each other and said, 'No, no, wrong move,'" Marlins third baseman Terry Pendleton said.

"Thanks to the loyal, patient and knowledgeable baseball fans of South Florida," the announcer said.

The hats came off. The crowd boomed.

"Obviously the fans are bitter, or I should say frustrated, about not going to a game for the last eight months," Dodgers first baseman Eric Karros said. "We have to go out of our way to get them back."

Florida rallied in the ninth with three walks and three singles, in-



WE ARE NOT AMUSED — Players doff their caps before game to thank fans for patience and appreciation during strike. Their gesture was met with boos.

cluding Pendleton's two-run hit. Only a few thousand fans remained, but they made plenty of noise.

Rudy Seanez, the third pitcher of the inning, then struck out Johnson looking with two out and runners at first and second.

"It was one of those fairy tale at-bats," Johnson said. "If you get a hit, you win the game or tie it up. But it doesn't work out like that all the time. That's why you play 100-some-odd games."

The game, kicking off a season shortened from 162 games to 144 by the strike, was the first sports event at Joe Robbie Stadium since the Super Bowl. The Dodgers scored as easily as the 49ers, rapping 13 hits, including five doubles, one triple and Mondesi's homers.

Mondesi, the 1994 rookie of the year, hit a two-run homer to straightaway center field in the first inning. His two-run homer in the seventh traveled even farther.

"If it didn't hit the seats, it might have gone 500 feet," Lasorda said.

Ramon Martinez (1-0) allowed two runs in six innings and broke a 2-2 tie with an RBI double in the fifth.

Jeff Conine homered for Florida.

John Burkett (0-1), a former 22-game winner signed by the Marlins during the torrid turnover that followed the strike, allowed six hits and five earned runs in 4 1/2 innings. He was unhappy about the umpire dispute.

"When you have the greatest players in the world, you should have the greatest umpires in the world," Burkett said.

Howard Cosell: My kind of guy

IN MEMORIAM
JOE HOFFMAN

HOWARD Cosell, after having been interviewed by this writer during his last visit here, called me "the dumbest white man I ever met." I was flattered.

After all, to be insulted by the Prince of Putdowns has to count for something. I was right up there with Pete Rose, whom he called "a malignant bum and a disgrace to the game," and George Steinbrenner, whom he dubbed, "a megalomaniacal know-nothing."

Cosell, who died on Sunday at 77, was quite a character; the man who loved to be hated. Who else could be chosen — in the same poll — as the most popular and least popular broadcaster?

"Arrogant, pompous, obnoxious, vain, cruel, verbose, a showoff. I have been called all of these. Of course, I am," he once said.

His Monday Night Football telecasts, in which he promised "to tell it like it is" and "friendship be damned," raised the status of that media non-entity to prime-time heaven.

Before Cosell took the helm, football on Monday night was a once-a-year affair, always a home game for the then-St. Louis Cardinals. A scheduling conflict long ago forced the Cards to give way to their baseball namesakes one Sunday, and the tradition stuck of scheduling one Cardinal game a year on Monday night.

But when Cosell got his hands on the mike, most of the excitement shifted to the press box. "The Mouth" blasted one side, then the other. No one was safe. In his prime, he was joined by



JUST BETWEEN FRIENDS — Howard Cosell visited a Jerusalem Post Softball League game during his visit to the Hebrew University's Givat Ram campus.

refused military service on the grounds that he was a Black Muslim minister and was subsequently stripped of his heavyweight title, only Cosell stood by him.

That Ali's conviction was overturned by the Supreme Court, giving him the opportunity to recapture his crown, proved that Cosell (as he would have been the first to tell you) was right all along.

Cosell was sick with cancer when he last visited here in 1991. His gait was unsteady, his handshake weak and his face pallid.

But, boy, was his mouth in good shape.

Montana becomes partner in Indy car racing team

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Joe Montana didn't waste time finding a way to spend his retirement from football.

One week after leaving the National Football League, Montana announced Tuesday that he has become a partner in the Target-Chip Ganassi Racing Team.

"It is definitely a pleasure to be putting one career behind and getting started in something that's been in the back of my mind for a number of years," Montana said.

The team is based in Indianapolis and is sponsored by Target discount stores based in Minneapolis.

Montana said the team, which features two promising young drivers, reminds him of the San Francisco 49ers in his early days there.

"They're on the move, they're making innovative steps in the right direction, they've got some great young guys behind the wheel," Montana said.

Montana, who left football last Tuesday after 16 years with San Francisco and Kansas City and four Super Bowl titles with the 49ers, first became interested in auto racing when he took part in a 1984 celebrity race in Long Beach, California.

The Ganassi team is named for the former IndyCar driver, who like Montana was raised in the Pittsburgh area. It features drivers Bryan Herta, a rising star, and Jimmy Vasser.

Montana is the latest NFL refugee to turn to auto racing.

Over the winter, Walter Payton, the NFL's all-time leading rusher, became a partner in an IndyCar team. He joined former driver Dale Coyne to form Payton-Coyne Racing.

Former Washington Redskins coach Joe Gibbs, who coached Super Bowl champions in 1982, '87 and '91, owns his own team on the NASCAR circuit.

Crazy Richards whips Shomrat

CRAZY Richards beat Shomrat 14-6 behind the hot bat of Boaz Barkai who went 3 for 3, including two homers; and Ken Fluet who had 4 hits and scored 3 runs. For Shomrat, Dave Lechhook had a 3-run home run.

Norman's Steakhouse 33
Aztek Glomars 4
Norman's won their third straight behind pitcher Shalom Menorah who got on base 6 times.
Rise Hi Furniture 19
Ma'ale Adumim 10
Bernie Kaffel went 4 for 5 with 5 RBIs. Beryl Thomas also knocked in 5 runs and Earl Harow picked up his fourth straight win. Leslie Barnes had 2 RBIs for the Adumites.
Manotite Tigers 8
Big Apple Pizza 4
Pitcher Ari Kanterewicz helped his own cause with 2 RBIs. For the pizza slingers, Pete Baylison went 4-for-4 with 3 runs knocked in. Yitzhak Atkin

Kibbutz Gezer 12
Aztek Glomars 5
Martin Goldberg went 4-for-4 for the Kibbutzniks to give Andy Haupt the mound win. For the Azteks, Zvi Wollicki had a single, double and home run.

Seahawks coach charged with drunken driving

SEATTLE (Reuters) — The Seattle Seahawks' new head coach Dennis Erickson has been charged with drunken driving after failing a breath test, police and court officials said on Tuesday.

Erickson was arrested about April 15 on a highway near Seattle, Washington State Patrol spokesman Lt. Ron O'Guin said.

He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and released on his own recognizance, O'Guin said.

A breath analysis showed Erickson had a blood-alcohol content of 0.23 percent, more than twice the legal limit of 0.10 percent.

At a level of 0.25 percent "generally the average person is rendered unconscious," O'Guin said.

Erickson was hired away from the University of Miami to replace former Seahawks head coach Tom Flores, who was fired at the end of last season.

Charges against Erickson are pending, a court official said.

Cronje hammers 158 in loss; Bevan eclipses Hick century

LONDON (AP) — South Africa's Hanse Cronje hammered 158 yet finished on the losing team Tuesday as Lancashire hit back to beat Leicestershire by five wickets in the Benson and Hedges cricket championship.

Cronje hit four sixes and 13 fours off the Lancashire attack at Old Trafford as Leicestershire, with James Whitaker adding 88, scored 312 for five, which looked a winning score.

But John Crawley hit 89, Graham Lloyd was unbeaten on 81 and England captain Mike Atherton added 71 as Lancashire overtook that total with three balls to spare.

An unbeaten 83 by Australian left-

ander Mike Bevan eclipsed a century by Worcestershire's Graeme Hick as Yorkshire was able to down Hick's team by six wickets.

Hick's 109 was the backbone of Worcestershire's modest 208 for six at Headingley. But Bevan, Yorkshire's overseas player this season in succession to Indian batting star Sachin Tendulkar and then West Indies' captain Richie Richardson, took command as his team won with three overs to go.

Mike Gatting's unbeaten 93 as opener carried Middlesex to an impressive seven wicket triumph over Essex.

After Essex had reached 225 for eight at

Chelmsford, the burly former England captain punished the home team's bowling as Middlesex, with Paul Weekes contributing an unbeaten 67 to an unbroken fourth-wicket stand of 167 cruised to victory with almost five overs left.

Trevor Ward hit 125 and Mark Benson contributed 85 as Kent piled up 318 for eight against Surrey at Canterbury and then restricted the visitor to 225 for seven to win by 93 runs.

Nick Knight hit 91 and Roger Twose added 90 as defending titlist Warwickshire scored 285 for seven at Edgbaston and overpowered Durham by 91 runs.

Leftarmer Michael Smith took 6-39 as

Gloucestershire bowled Hampshire out for 162 at Southampton and won by four wickets.

An unbeaten 101 by South African Darrell Cullinan helped Derbyshire score 220 for six and beat Scotland by 46 runs at Glasgow.

David Hemp scored 121 as Glamorgan amassed 318 for three and crushed the Combined Universities by 217 runs at Cardiff.

Torrid half centuries by Tim Robinson and Paul Pollard enabled the Nottinghamshire side to eclipse the Minor Counties' score of only 114 with the loss of but one wicket.

Romania stays comfortably atop Group 1

FLORIN Raducioiu scored a hat-trick to lead Romania to a comfortable 4-1 victory over Azerbaijan in a European Championship qualifying game yesterday.

The victory moved Romania, unbeaten in six games, closer to a berth in next year's European Championship in England. Romania leads Group 1 with 14 points. Azerbaijan has lost all six of its qualifying matches.

In other Group 1 action, France had an easy 4-0 win over Slovakia to move into second place with 10 points. Israel, following its 4-3 loss to Poland on Tuesday, is in third place, one point adrift of the French.

Romania's Raducioiu converted a penalty in the game's first minute, and followed up with goals in the 68th and 76th minutes. Seville striker Ilie Dumitrescu, who is on loan to the Spanish club from Tottenham, also netted in the 38th minute for the Romanians.

Nasim Suleymanov scored Azerbaijan's lone goal in the fourth minute.

The game was played in Trabzon, a Black Sea coastal town, after European governing body UEFA ordered that Azerbaijan play its home qualifying matches at a neutral site because of civil unrest in the former Soviet republic.

France got back on the goal track at long last, running riot in a stunning 4-0 win over Slovakia which gave a huge boost to its chances of reaching next year's finals.

With only two goals from its previous five qualifying games in



STEP FOR STEP - Luis Enrique (1) of Spain fights for control of the ball with Armenia's Aroutun Vardanian. Spain won 2-0.

Group 1 - both against Azerbaijan - the French were under enormous pressure from fans and media alike to rediscover their goal touch.

If it needed Slovakia to show them the way - midfielder Ondrej Kristofik cranked the French machine into motion when he turned the ball into his own net in the 27th minute - France needed no more indications as to the direction of the Slovak net from then on.

David Ginola made it two

three minutes before the break with a powerful header and Laurent Blanc and Vincent Guerin scored two more early in the second half as the Slovak defense found itself totally overwhelmed.

Germany 1, Wales 1
Wales scored an early goal and held injury-weakened Germany to a draw. Germany, which was missing six stalwarts (Lothar Matthaus, Matthias Sammer, Andreas Moeller, Thomas Strunz, Juergen Kohler and Thomas Helmer), spoiled its 100-per cent record after winning in its first four Group 7 matches. (Reuter, AP)

European Nations' Championship qualifying group 1

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Romania	6	4	2	0	13	5	14
France	6	2	4	0	6	0	10
Israel	6	2	3	1	10	9	9
Poland	6	2	1	3	7	7	7
Slovakia	6	1	2	3	8	10	5
Azerbaijan	6	0	0	6	2	16	0

GROUP 1

Romania 4, Azerbaijan 1 (halftime 2-1) in Trabzon. Scorers: Florin Raducioiu (penalty, 1st min., 68th, 76th), Ilie Dumitrescu (38th); Azerbaijan - Nasim Suleymanov (4th).

France 4, Slovakia 0 (halftime 2-0) in Nantes. Scorers: Vincent Guerin (27th), David Ginola (42nd), Laurent Blanc (58th), Vincent Guerin (63rd). Attendance: 26,000.

GROUP 2

Denmark 1, Macedonia 0 (halftime 0-0) in Copenhagen. Scorer: Peter Nielsen (70th). Attendance: 38,889.

Belgium 2, Cyprus 0 (halftime 1-0) in Brussels. Scorers: Emmanuel Karagannis (20th), Gerd Schepens (47th). Attendance: 14,000.

GROUP 3

Hungary 1, Sweden 0 (halftime 1-0) in Budapest. Scorer: Gabor Halmai (2nd). Attendance: 8,000.

Turkey 2, Switzerland 1 (halftime 1-1) in Bern. Scorers: Switzerland - Marc Hotzger (38th); Turkey - Sukur Haktan (17th), Temizkanoglu Ogun (54th). Attendance: 40,000.

GROUP 4

Italy 1, Lithuania 0 (halftime 1-0) in Vilnius. Scorer: Gianfranco Zola (12th). Attendance: 16,000.

Croatia 2, Slovenia 0 (halftime 1-0) in Zagreb. Scorers: Robert Prosinecki (17th), Davor Suker (80th). Attendance: 25,000.

Ukraine 1, Estonia 0 (halftime 1-0) in Tallinn. Scorer: Timurhan Guseinov (18th). Attendance: Not announced.

GROUP 5

Czech Republic 3, Netherlands 1 (halftime 0-1) in Prague. Scorers: Czech Republic - Tomas Sverak (49th), Vlastislav Nemec (57th), Petr Skocny (67th); Netherlands - Wim Jonck (7th). Attendance: 22,000.

Belarus 1, Malta 1 (halftime 0-0) in Minsk. Scorers: Belarus - Alexander Talyov (57th); Malta - David Caruana (71st). Attendance: 5,000.

Norway 5, Luxembourg 0 (halftime 2-0) in Oslo. Scorers: John Ivar Jakobsen (11th), Jan Aage Fjorholt (12th), Harald Gregersen (22nd), Hecceg Berg (60th), Kjetil Rekdal (52nd). Attendance: 15,124.

GROUP 6

Austria 7, Liechtenstein 0 (halftime 3-0) in Salzburg. Scorers: Dietmar Kuehbaumer (39th), Toni Polster (11th, 33rd, 53rd), Herbert Salzgeber (72nd), Markus Puri (85th), Adi Hauer (85th). Attendance: 5,500.

Northern Ireland 1, Latvia 0 (halftime 0-0) in Riga. Scorer: Ian Dowse (58th, penalty). Attendance: 1,500.

GROUP 7

Bulgaria 3, Moldova 0 (halftime 1-0) in Chisinau. Scorers: Krasimir Balakov (25th), Hristo Stichkov (58th, 70th), Veselin Topalov (82nd). Attendance: Not announced.

Germany 1, Wales 1 (halftime 1-1) in Düsseldorf. Scorers: Germany - Heiko Herrlich (42nd); Wales - Dean Saunders (8th). Attendance: 34,000.

Georgia 2, Albania 0 (halftime 2-0) in Tbilisi. Scorers: Shota Arveladze (25th), Temur Ketskhava (42nd). Attendance: 20,000.

Scotland 2, San Marino 0 (halftime 1-0) in San Marino. Scorers: John Collins (28th), Colin Colvile (85th). Attendance: 1,735.

Russia 3, Greece 0 (halftime 1-0) in Saint-Petersburg. Scorers: Yury Nikiforov (58th, 68th), Andrey Tarkovskiy (78th). Attendance: 40,000.

Finland 4, Faroe Islands 0 (halftime 0-0) in Tórshavn. Scorers: Antti Heino (55th), Mika-Lauri Paatelainen (55th), Jarmo Lintzang (75th), Petteri Saariluoma (83rd). Attendance: 1,000.

Czechs struggle past Austria 5-2

STOCKHOLM (AP) - Left wing Martin Prochazka scored two goals as the Czech Republic struggled past Austria 5-2 yesterday in the World Ice Hockey Championship.

The victory improved the Czechs to 2-0 and moved them into first place in the Pool B standings on better goal differential than the United States, also 2-0 in the round-robin phase of the tournament.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

France 4, Canada 1
Christian Pouget scored twice and had an assist as France upset defending-champion Canada.

It was France's first win ever at a major tournament against Canada, which is playing without its NHL stars.

Philippe Bozon scored for France 26 seconds into the game. Jean Marc Soghomonyan made the score 2-0 just 26 seconds later.

Canada cut the lead to 2-1 at 8:50 of

the first on a power-play goal by Raffaele Intravento but Pouget made it 3-1 at 13:26.

Pouget scored his second goal of the game at 19:02 of the second period on a power-play to make the score 4-1.

USA 2, Norway 1
The US, helped by Pat Jablonski's superb goaltending, edged Norway for its second consecutive victory.

The Americans beat Austria 5-2 in the opener Monday. Norway dropped to 0-2.

Defenceman Chris Imes and center Jon Morris, one of the two European-based players on the team, scored for the Americans in the opening period.

Russia 8, Switzerland 0
Sergei Berezin scored three goals and Oleg Belov added a pair as Russia trounced Switzerland.

Finland 6, Sweden 3
Linemates Saku Koivu and Ville Peltonen each scored two goals as Finland came back from a 2-0 deficit.

Finland moved to 1-1 in the pool B standings after losing 3-0 to the Czech Republic on Sunday. Sweden fell to 1-1.

NHL - Tuesday's results: Chicago 4, Vancouver 3 (OT); St. Louis 8, Dallas 4; Edmonton 5, Winnipeg 3; Calgary 3, San Jose 2; Los Angeles 5, Detroit 1.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	28	14	4	55	142	122
New Jersey	20	17	4	47	122	110
Washington	19	19	7	45	116	110
N.Y. Rangers	20	21	3	43	126	122
Pittsburgh	18	20	5	41	104	111
Tampa Bay	17	24	5	37	111	124
N.Y. Islanders	14	25	5	33	114	144

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Quebec	28	12	4	60	174	127
Pittsburgh	28	13	2	58	167	136
Boston	25	17	5	48	134	115
Buffalo	19	18	6	44	114	107
Hartford	19	21	5	43	123	132
Montreal	18	21	5	41	119	138
Ottawa	5	33	5	15	93	180

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	31	9	4	66	170	105
St. Louis	26	12	5	57	164	120
Chicago	20	19	5	45	139	111
Toronto	18	18	7	43	121	131
Dallas	17	20	6	42	132	123
Winnipeg	14	23	7	35	145	186

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	23	16	6	52	152	124
Vancouver	16	17	11	43	139	135
Los Angeles	14	21	9	37	137	153
Edmonton	16	24	3	35	124	185
San Jose	16	24	3	35	111	151
Anaheim	15	24	5	35	113	151

Headed playoff team - y-clashed division title

Too many contenders in NBA playoffs

OPINION

BRIAN FREEMAN

THERE was no mistake in the NBA standings.

The Boston Celtics, with 35 wins, 47 losses and a .427 winning percentage have "earned" a playoff berth and a first-round encounter with the conference-best Orlando Magic (57-25).

The NBA, which has a marvelous product and some of the world's greatest athletes and showmen, seems intent on embarrassing itself.

It seems like every year the lenient playoff system gives a more pathetic team a chance to compete for the title.

Last season the mediocre Denver Nuggets (42-40) "won" the last playoff berth and defeated the league-best Seattle SuperSonics (63-19).

The sad truth, however, is that Boston's record is not unusual at all.

In fact, it is only the worst mark to make the playoffs since the San Antonio Spurs grabbed a spot with a 31-51 (.378) record in 1987-88. That same season, two other clubs (the Washington Bullets and New York Knicks) made the playoffs with 38-44 marks, as did Miami in 1991-92.

However, even these terrible records don't approach the worst record ever to make the playoffs - that dubious distinction belongs to the 1952-53 Baltimore Bullets, whose 16-54 record (.229) was "good" enough to edge out the Philadelphia Warriors (12-57) for the final playoff spot.

The list of all teams with sub-.500 records to make the playoffs in NBA history would be too long

to print here.

Instead, what follows are a few examples of such clubs which not only made the post-season but then knocked off legitimate contenders for the crown.

● The 1958-59 Minneapolis Lakers (33-39) defeated the division-winning St. Louis Hawks (49-23) in the Western Division finals to capture a berth against the Celtics.

● The 1980-81 Houston Rockets (40-42) defeated both the division-winning Los Angeles Lakers (54-28) and San Antonio (52-30) en route to the Western Conference finals.

There, they met the Kansas City Kings (also 40-42), who themselves knocked off the division-winning 57-25 Phoenix Suns (that turned out to be a meaningful regular season). Houston won the matchup, losing to Boston in the finals.

● The 1986-87 Seattle SuperSonics (39-43) beat the division-winning Dallas Mavericks (55-27) in the opening round of the playoffs.

So, NBA, please eliminate some playoff rounds before we end up having something so unbecoming for such a great game - something like the World Champion 21-61 Minnesota Timberwolves.

First-round playoffs (best-of-5, prefix nos. denote seedings)

● Eastern Conference
8-Boston at 1-Orlando, tomorrow
7-Atlanta at 2-Indiana, tonight
6-Cleveland at 3-New York, tonight
5-Chicago at 4-Charlotte, tomorrow

● Western Conference
8-Denver at 1-San Antonio, tomorrow
7-Portland at 2-Phoenix, tonight
6-Houston at 3-Utah, tonight
5-Lakers at 4-Seattle, tomorrow

Injury forces Sampras out of Monte Carlo Open

MONTE CARLO (Reuter) - Top seed Pete Sampras was forced to pull out of the Monte Carlo Open tennis tournament yesterday after badly twisting his ankle halfway through his second-round match against Dutchman Paul Haarhuis.

The former world NO. 1, who was gearing up in the principality for next month's French Open, the only Grand Slam tournament he has yet to win, sustained the injury while trying to catch a forehand winner from Haarhuis.

The American had taken the first set 6-4 and was in the third game of the second set when the incident occurred. He limped back to his seat, asked for the doctor and quickly decided to concede the match.

The injury was especially dramatic as Sampras, who has always had problems to adapt to

clay, had seemed to be mastering the surface at last.

"He played very well. I was really surprised with his backhand. He was playing it like a clay court specialist," Haarhuis said.

But Sampras, whose push to regain his world NO. 1 ranking from Andre Agassi is now on hold, was not the only seed to bow out in his first match at the \$1.8 million event.

Michael Stich also discovered how difficult it is to adapt to clay-court tennis.

The German, seeded sixth, bowed in straight sets to in-form Austrian Gilbert Schaller 7-6, 6-1 in the second round.

Stich's compatriot Boris Becker was far more impressive. The second seed, also bidding to win his first tournament on clay, dismissed Swede Jonas Bjorkman 6-3 6-1.

Watch out for Jordan's Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) - Advice to the Charlotte Hornets and anyone else who might meet the Chicago Bulls in the NBA playoffs: Get a lead and keep building on it until you hear the final horn.

Because, Milwaukee Bucks coach Mike Dunleavy says, "You let them stay close. In most cases, you're going to go down."

In last year's second-round loss to the New York Knicks, the Bulls repeatedly struggled in the fourth quarter. That shouldn't happen this year with Mr. Fourth Quarter himself, Michael Jordan, back from retirement.

"He's got the ability to take games over and make anything happen," said Dunleavy, who coached the Los Angeles Lakers team that lost to Jordan's Bulls in the 1991 NBA Finals - Chicago's first of three consecutive championships. "They can win it. The key for them is keeping games close."

Dunleavy isn't the only educated observer who considers Chicago a favorite, even though it probably won't have home-court advantage in any playoff round.

Charlotte coach Allan Bristow, whose team opens the postseason at home tomorrow against the Bulls, knows they are better than their 47-35 record indicates. Chicago, 34-31 before Jordan returned, is 13-4 with him.

"It's just amazing how much he has lifted that team," Bristow said. "They would have led the league in wins if he would have played the whole season."

Jordan, who averaged 26.9 points in his 17 games back, is the picture of confidence.

"I wouldn't have come back," he said, "if I didn't think we were capable of winning."

Scottie Pippen, who has willingly slipped back into his No. 2 role, also likes the team's chances.

Rugby union moving toward pro competition

LONDON (Reuter) - Rugby union, officially still an amateur sport, moved closer towards full professionalism yesterday with a proposed new Super Union competition next year involving teams from Australia and New Zealand.

Former New Zealand backs coach John Hart, who missed out the job of coaching the All Blacks at the World Cup starting in South Africa next month, outlined plans for the new competition and said players could earn around NZ\$ 50,000 (US \$33,700) each.

The Super Union series would involve six sides from New Zealand and two from Australia and replace the current Super 10 series which includes South African and Pacific Islands teams.

A special meeting of the International Rugby Football Board (IRB) has been scheduled for Paris in August following the World Cup to discuss the vexed question of player payments.

The meeting had already been given extra urgency by media tycoon Rupert Murdoch's plans to set up a multi-million dollar global competition in the professional rugby league code, which would inevitably attract leading experts in the union code.

The New Zealand Press Association said 27 provincial rugby union chairman had given their approval to the New Zealand Rugby Football Union (NZRFU) yesterday to set up regionally-selected teams to contest the planned new competition.

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Lustiger: 'I have no time to talk about the Church and the Holocaust'

HAIM SHAPIRO

CARDINAL Jean-Marie Lustiger delivered a very moving and personal message on the Holocaust and its lessons yesterday, but the Jewish-born prince of the Catholic Church said he "did not have time" to discuss the silence of his church during the Holocaust.

Speaking at the only public lecture of a conference on The Silence of God at Tel Aviv University and at a news conference following the lecture, Lustiger said that those who were interested in the issue of the silence of the church can read about it in the proceedings of the conference, which are to be published eventually.

His appearance was not without controversy. Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Lau, like Lustiger, a Holocaust survivor, had sharply criticized Tel Aviv University for inviting a converted Jew to speak on such a subject. As Lustiger spoke to a packed hall, students outside demonstrated, wearing yellow stars and shouting slogans.

The archbishop of Paris went out of his way to emphasize his Jewishness, noting that although his name

is pronounced with a soft "g," the original pronunciation is with a hard "g," giving it a Yiddish intonation. "My name is Aharon, to which I added the names Jean-Marie," he said.

Every year, he said, he attends Holocaust Remembrance Day commemorations, both in the Great Synagogue of Paris and in the Liberal Synagogue. On the memorial cenotaph in Paris are inscribed the names of his mother and his uncle, who had been deported from France, but in Israel, at Yad Vashem, are inscribed all the names of his family, from Poland as well as France.

"To be here on such a day is important to me," he said.

He recalled that on his last visit to Yad Vashem in 1973, he had sat for several hours, fasting, praying and meditating. After several hours, the caretaker came up to him.

"Don't drown yourself in sorrow, say Kaddish and go home," Lustiger quoted the caretaker as saying, adding that he took the printed sheet which the caretaker offered him, recited the prayer, and left.

"At the same time I silently thanked God for this caretaker who comforted me, as did the angel who comforted Elijah in the desert," he said.

Lustiger stressed that when he spoke of Israel he meant the entire Jewish people, in the Land of Israel and the Diaspora. Citing texts from the Hebrew Bible only, Lustiger argued that the future of all the peoples of the earth was bound up with that of the Jewish people.

People of all the nations of the world, including the Catholic Church, he said, were involved in the plan to eradicate the Jewish people. If God had indeed wanted to act, He would have had to bring destruction on all mankind. But there was already a divine promise to Noah not to destroy humanity in a new deluge.

In fact, he added, the nations of the world had discovered that they were still alive, despite the fact that for the first time in the history of mankind God had given man the power to destroy humanity.

Relating to the uniqueness of the

Jewish people and perhaps also to his own unique situation, Lustiger noted that the Bible was the one special thing that belongs to the Jewish people. At the same time, he said, for the past 2,000 years it has been Christianity which has disseminated the Bible throughout the world.

In the past there was a desire in Christianity to dispossess the Jews, the legitimate guardians of the divine word. "and even to exterminate the guardian in order to take his treasure." Today, he asked, was it necessary to see those who were not Jews, but accepted the holy writings, as usurpers?

"Is it still possible to see them as ignorant and as idolaters?" he asked.

Speaking of Israel's future, Lustiger said that the fate of Israel and that of the nations of the world was irrevocably linked. In addition to the perennial question, "Is it good for the Jews?" he said, one had to add, "Is it good for humanity?" God, who chose to reveal Himself to Israel, is the God of the universe, he said.



Jewish-born Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger speaking at Tel Aviv University yesterday. (Reuters)

Haredi press slams state remembrance day

HERB KEINON

THE HAREDI daily press has called upon the haredi community to refrain from participating in ceremonies marking today's Holocaust Martyr's and Heroes Remembrance Day, and has run scathing criticisms of the very establishment of the day.

Agudat Yisrael's daily *Hama-dia* wrote in its lead editorial yesterday that the haredi community's refusal to take part in ceremonies marking the day should not be interpreted as apathy toward the Holocaust.

The haredim "know how to commemorate the Holocaust in altogether different ways," the paper wrote. "Like no one else, they [the haredim] know how to express the depth of the pain at the loss of six million Jews... The faithful of Israel repeat every Shabbat the Commemoration of Martyrs prayer that is full of emotion and pathos. This prayer expresses the feelings of Israel's faithful when they request, 'Let the

vengeance for thy servants' blood that is shed be made known among the nations in our sight.'"

Another editorial on the same page pointed to Paris Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger's visit to Israel for the Holocaust Remembrance Day as justification for the refusal of haredim over the years to take part in the ceremonies.

The paper, holding the state and not Tel Aviv University responsible for inviting the Jewish-born archbishop of Paris - who converted to Catholicism during the Holocaust - wrote that there is no greater desecration of God's name than to invite an apostate Jew to speak of the victims.

"Woe to Israel," the paper wrote, "if for this it established Holocaust Remembrance Day."

An even sharper criticism of the day was sounded in Tuesday's *Yated Ne'eman*, the mouthpiece

of Rabbi Eliezer Schach and Degel Hatorah. Rabbi Yerhamiel Kraus, a Degel Hatorah activist, wrote in the paper's editorial page that "Holocaust Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Day in its governmental form is a direct insult to the Holocaust victim, and therefore we are clearly forbidden from relating to the day, even from a historical-moral point of view."

Kraus called on haredi schools to ignore the day, and accused the state schools of "brainwashing" generations of students into thinking that the heroism of the Holocaust was the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. Instead, he said, the true heroism was to be found in Jews who at the end of a day of slave labor received a portion of bread and water and used the water to ceremonially wash their hands before eating the bread, as is halachically stipulated.

"Why have stories disappeared of Jews who observed mitzvot under great sacrifice?" Kraus wrote.

Kraus also wrote that the term Holocaust is a misnomer in relation to the death of the Six Million. "The concept Holocaust Remembrance Day is a tragic mistake, because the word 'Holocaust' is interpreted as a tragedy, a one-time horrible event. The people of Israel suffered and suffers throughout history, sometimes more, sometimes less, and when there is life after death and continuity, the word 'Holocaust' does not express the Jewish approach."

"Death is not the end of the story," Kraus wrote. "On the contrary, a person who dies on account of his Jewishness is called a martyr, and merits to be considered as someone who died to sanctify God name, even if he had no connection to Torah and mitzvot."

Histadrut sets up its own probe

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

A SPECIAL joint team set up by the Histadrut's legal adviser and comptroller will probe suspicions of the use of Histadrut funds in Labor's Histadrut and Knesset election campaigns from 1992 to 1994.

Histadrut legal adviser Yaron Kedar, who transferred more material to the police yesterday, estimated that serious charges will be brought against senior Histadrut officials, among other people. He noted that the investigation has brought on a wave of complaints and documents, which might open up new affairs of disorders in the Histadrut.

The team, consisting of legal advisers and comptrollers, will focus on all the aspects related directly and indirectly to Labor's leadership primaries, the party candidates' Knesset campaigns, Histadrut primaries and general elections, and election campaigns in local authorities.

Former Histadrut secretary-general Haim Haberfeld was questioned by the police for more than five consecutive hours yesterday, except for a brief lunch interval, and his interrogation will continue today.

At the end of the session, Haberfeld said he promised not to divulge any details concerning his interrogation, but reiterated his conviction that he is innocent and that the police will reach that conclusion as well.

Gadi Wachs, the Histadrut's education and culture

department comptroller, was questioned yesterday about former secretary-general Yisrael Kessar's campaign headquarters in Holon. He denied that the department had been involved in any disorders or had covered any candidate's campaign expenses.

Histadrut Likud faction head MK Ya'acov Shamai yesterday demanded that the police investigate the alleged disappearance of NIS 10 million, part of the loan the Histadrut took out for election purposes.

Shamai said that between March and May 1994 the Histadrut took out a NIS 45 million loan to finance the various factions' campaigns, according to their respective power. This loan, Shamai charged, was three times larger than needed and this was kept secret from the Likud.

Shamai continued that Labor received NIS 24.5 million of the loan and the Citizens Rights Movement and Mapam received some NIS 5.5 million, three times more than their relative power, while the Likud received a paltry NIS 2.25 million.

Altogether, the loans to the various factions reached a sum of NIS 35 million, "and what happened to the remaining NIS 10 million?" demanded Shamai.

The Histadrut's treasury confirmed yesterday that it had taken a NIS 45 million loan out of which it used only NIS 35 million. The treasury could not give any details as to where the remaining NIS 10 million had gone.

Amos Kenan fined for criticism of intifada court rulings

THE Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court fined a veteran newspaper columnist yesterday for articles that criticized court rulings against Israelis during the Palestinian uprising.

In two articles published in *Yediot Aharonot* in 1988 and 1989, Amos Kenan condemned what he called light sentences against Israelis who attacked Palestinians.

In one case, a settler who killed an Arab child was sentenced to public service.

In another, a court set free an

Israeli who threw a fire bomb at an Arab car.

The court fined Kenan NIS 1,000 and *Yediot* NIS 7,500 and required him to sign a statement promising not to repeat the offense of contempt of court.

An editor and the newspaper were also fined.

Kenan said after the sentence: "At least I was convicted for an honorable crime."

"I will sign the statement but I don't stand behind this signature, only behind my conscience." (Itim)

Test-tube 'switches' created at Weizmann Institute could revolutionize computer memory

JUDY SIEGEL

ISRAELI scientists have succeeded in synthesizing triple-stranded complexes of iron that can serve as prototype switches the size of a small molecule. This development, reported in today's issue of the prestigious science journal *Nature*, may pave the road towards the design of incredibly compact digital storage devices or computer memories.

A team at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, including graduate student Lior Zelikovich, senior staff scientist Dr. Jacqueline Libman, and group leader Prof. Abraham Shanzer, have succeeded in developing the iron complexes.

Their operation has been demonstrated only in the test tube so far; adapting them for the generation of ultra-compact electronic devices - whose digital circuitry would contain tens of millions of "on"/"off" elements - will require solving several inherent problems, said the team. These include the lack of methods for turning individual molecular switches on and off, for detecting whether a particular molecular switch is on or off, and for "wiring" individual molecules to the outside world.

"There is no way to predict when

molecular switches will become integrated into functional devices," Shanzer said. "But because of the importance of further miniaturization of electronic components, research into the ultimate level of miniaturization - the use of molecular components - is now attracting increasing scientific interest. When this technology comes of age, it could result in digital storage components and memories millions of times more compact than now available and in novel devices with capabilities far beyond anything possible today."

Although other organic materials that could serve as molecular switches have been designed in England and Germany, the Weizmann researchers believe their iron molecules have several unique advantages, including being easily modified to allow different response rates and being suitable for forming a single layer of molecular switches on a conductive surface (thus being very stable).

The team is now working on additional switching molecules and on ways of switching their molecular switches on and off using electrochemical and photochemical means.

Peres reportedly belittles work of the Mossad

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The vaunted Mossad failed to predict any of the recent breakthroughs in the Middle East peace process. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres has been quoted as telling a senior adviser to President Bill Clinton.

Former defense secretary Les Aspin, chairman of Clinton's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, said at a dinner forum here on Tuesday that Peres told him during a visit to Israel this month: "There isn't one thing that has happened on this peace process that those guys... in the Mossad predicted, not one."

"You know, they were telling us that [Yasser] Arafat will never agree to anything. They were telling us that King Hussein will never get ahead of [Syrian President Hafez] Assad."

"They were telling us this, they were telling us that - all of which has turned out to be wrong."

He said there is "huge disillusionment with the intelligence community in Israel because it failed to predict all of the peace initiatives."

NEWS IN BRIEF

NII strike to continue

Histadrut trade section head Amir Peretz yesterday approved the continuation of the strike by National Insurance Institute workers for another three days, at a meeting with the workers and the governmental employees union.

A meeting between the union and Treasury wage director Yossi Kucik yielded no progress yesterday in the workers' demand to receive increased compensation for handling claims for the new national insurance system. (Itim)

Arabs held in Temple Mount scuffle

Ruth Sunshine of Jerusalem, who went to the Temple Mount yesterday and started reciting from her Book of Psalms, was grabbed by Arabs and taken to the Old City police station. She demanded that Arabs, who she said attacked her and stole her book, also be investigated. Police thereupon arrested several of them. After Sunshine identified them, she was released. (Itim)

Prosecutor: Dinitz changed versions

THE trial of former Jewish Agency chairman Simha Dinitz on charges of fraud, bribery, and violating the public trust resumed yesterday in Jerusalem District Court.

Prosecutor Shimon Dolan charged that in his testimony, Dinitz had offered contradictory versions of who was responsible for providing him with a list of the personal expenses he charged on his agency American Express card.

Originally, Dinitz had said the emissaries department in Jerusalem was responsible for this. Later, he said the New York office was responsible.

Dinitz denied this, insisting he had never said "that Jerusalem was responsible for separating the expenses." The trial continues today. (Itim)

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